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EXTRALITY ISSUE.

EXAMINATION OF THE
AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

Important proposals concerning the abolition of extraterritoriality are reported by the Shanghai Chinese newspapers to have been presented to the National Government by the United States Government and, it is stated, these were discussed by Dr. Wang Chung-hui, president of the Judicial Yuan; Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Dr. Frank W. Lee, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, on Thursday afternoon.

According to the Chinese press reports, the American proposals, whilst expressing sympathy for China's aspirations for the abolition of extraterritoriality, embody the following demands:

American Suggestions.

1. That special district courts, organized entirely in accordance with the laws of China, should be established in the treaty ports, such as Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Canton, etc., which should employ a number of foreign legal experts as advisers to sit with the Chinese judges in the hearing of mixed cases or cases involving foreigners: all decisions shall, however, rest with the Chinese judges.

2. That the scope for the application of foreign laws in such special district courts should be broadened, such as the quoting of authorities;

3. That, in criminal prosecutions, the procuratorate and private criminal prosecution systems adopted by Chinese law courts should be abolished; for instance, the Shanghai Municipal Police not instituted by them should be dismissed; and

4. That, in the event of foreign citizens being summoned or arrested, summons or warrants should be signed by their consular authorities before they are served.

Chinese Viewpoint.

The three officials mentioned, says the "Shenwanpao," opined that the first proposal might be acceptable to China because similar conditions have prevailed in the Harbin Special Area District Court, for several years past, where foreign advisers express opinions but they are not permitted to interfere with the decisions of the Chinese judges. Such advisers are employed by the Chinese Government and may be dismissed by the Chinese Government.

As to the second proposal, the three officials considered that certain foreign laws might be applicable to the Chinese law courts, such, for instance, as the laws of domestic relations and inheritance of property, etc., but that only Chinese laws should be followed in cases of credit, debt and bills because these are important.

With regard to the third suggestion, the officials reserved their decision because the procuratorate system, which is not corruptive in itself, has been adopted in a number of other countries. Whether it is suitable to China remains to be discussed and, therefore, this proposal requires further consideration. Cases of corruption have occurred in Shanghai because the procurators have been unable to function.

As regards proposal No. 4, the Chinese officials could not see their way to agreeing to the American suggestion because, if it were accepted, bad results would ensue and corruption will be prevalent in future.

Drastic Measures.

Concluding the "Shenwanpao" says that the three officials will draft a reply to the American proposals in a few days and, when it is ready, it will be submitted to the Central Government for consideration and examination before being forwarded to the American Government.

In this connexion, the "Shenwanpao" publishes a note of interest, this being to the effect that the National Government is hoping to bring the Sino-American, Sino-British and Sino-French extraterritoriality negotiations to a

BRITISH MISSION.

VIEWS ON MARKETING
OF GOODS.

As was only to be expected much interest has been taken locally in the views expressed at the dinner of the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce with reference to British trade in China. In the circumstances the Financial Editor of the North-China Daily News has obtained one or two further views on the situation which may command some attention.

Japanese Second-rate Material.

One of the leading importers of piece goods gave the following expression of view:

Both sides are speaking from their own book. There is no doubt about it that on one point Sir Ernest Thompson is perfectly correct—the Japanese get away with a great deal of second-rate stuff in their shipments without the allowances that would inevitably fall on a British supplier if he tried the same game, and this is a very big handicap. How they can do it I do not know. We have mentioned this point on many occasions to dealers when we have got what we consider unreasonable claims, but they have simply shrugged their shoulders and said, "It's Japanese cargo and they can do it." They can give no reason why the market should allow this to go through.

As Sir Ernest Thompson says, if the British have to be so particular about their standard of their production, costs are bound to be high. Mind you, I think he is inclined to criticize the merchants in their marketing methods rather freely, and there is nothing constructive about his remarks. He made no suggestion but generalized rather, if he could pick out certain faults and ascertain whether they were real faults, we could probably be able to answer him. I think, myself, with Mr. Calder-Marshall when he said, "There is only one reply—Your price is wrong."

The Marketing of Goods.

According to the head of one of the British firms here, doing a large business, Mr. Calder-Marshall issued a warning when he mentioned in the course of his speech that from the time they arrived in Shanghai until they reach the actual consumer British piece goods may pass through a dozen hands. Our informant's department department assured him that this was not so, and that they changed hands only three or four times between leaving here and reaching a shop, the consumer in a place as remote as Ichang. On the other hand the same goods passed through many more hands before ever they left a British port.

The great thing in my mind, the gentleman in question went on to say, is that you are dealing with a country where conditions are uncertain and where there is an absence of stability and security—not only security from the point of view of danger from bandits but from the point of view of the law and the government of the country. The proposed abolition of extraterritoriality makes things all more uncertain. This uncertainty and want of confidence constitute the main obstacle to business.

The Oil Business.

The manner in which the oil business is conducted is being investigated by the Commission, he continued. I had wondered whether the oil business paid the companies in view of the great losses they had sustained in 1927 in Chungsha and elsewhere, but apparently it does pay them. They take the profit they make in China, and it is so enormous that they can afford to put it against their losses. The price they get here for their petrol is almost double what they get on the Pacific Coast. I believe the cost of gasoline on the Pacific Coast is about 17 or 18 cents gold, whereas it is \$1.10 (Mex) here, or at present exchange about 40 cents gold, and with that enormous profit they can afford to stand any amount of loss. The way they have of preventing Chinese from purchasing petrol here is distributing up-country in competition with them is to make a very small margin between the Shanghai and the up-country price, but it probably costs them a lot to distribute in the interior.

Distribution of Piece Goods.

It is obvious, therefore, that when you have a fine cut business like piece

successful conclusion within a short period as possible. It is stated that, if the Powers do not voluntarily make concession to China by the end of this year, drastic measures will be adopted to enforce the abolition of extraterritoriality early next year.

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A provisional agreement has been reached for a new trade treaty between Australia and Canada, as the result of a two days' conference between the Canadian Trade Minister, Mr. Stevens and the Australian Markets Minister, Mr. Moloney.

Details are not divulged, pending presentation of the treaty to the respective Parliaments for ratification.—Reuter's American Service.

goods, the only way in which you could compete with the Chinese distributors would be by buying your own people. I do not think that anybody would contend that foreigners could distribute in China more cheaply than Chinese. It could be contended that without competition high prices could be charged, but the competition is always present, and that dismisses that theory. We have always dismissed the idea of marketing in this way as too fantastic for consideration. Even supposing it were feasible it stands to reason that the Japanese could do it more efficiently and more economically than we, and even if the cost of Japanese supervision of up-country sales did prove costly, they would not have to bear such high costs as we should have to face in the way of home leave for men who, travelling continuously up-country, would need leave home much often than their colleagues in the Treaty Ports.

That Japanese have not gone in for an organization such as the oil companies or the B.A.T. because it is too costly, and I suppose one reason why the oil companies do it is because of the fear that their commodities might be adulterated if they were left in Chinese hands. You cannot adulterate piece goods.

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Miss Doris Alice Swindell was married to Mr. Harry David Smith, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, recently. The church service was followed by a large reception.



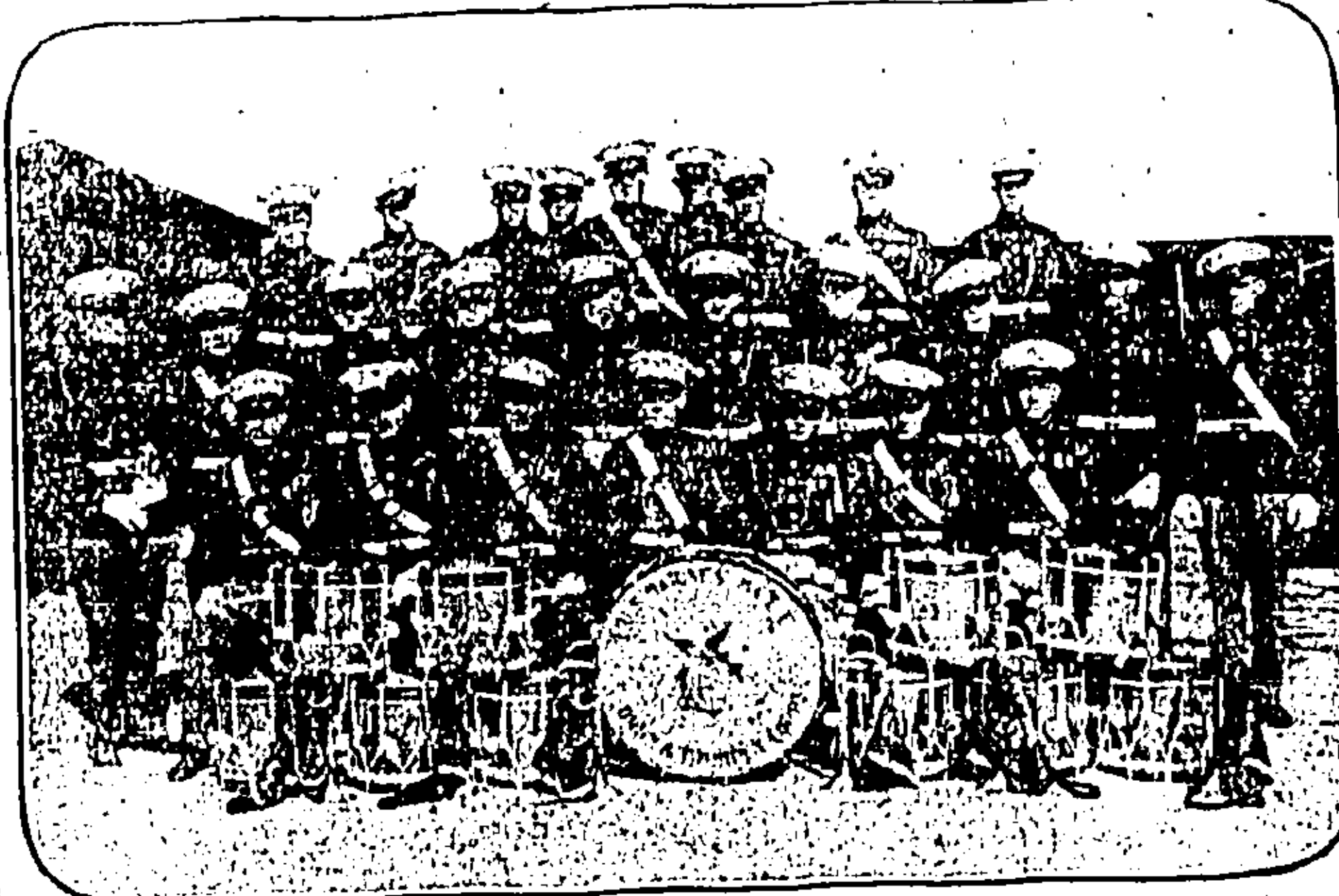
Bedlington terriers, recently brought from England. "Rags" has been a winner of several prizes in dog shows.



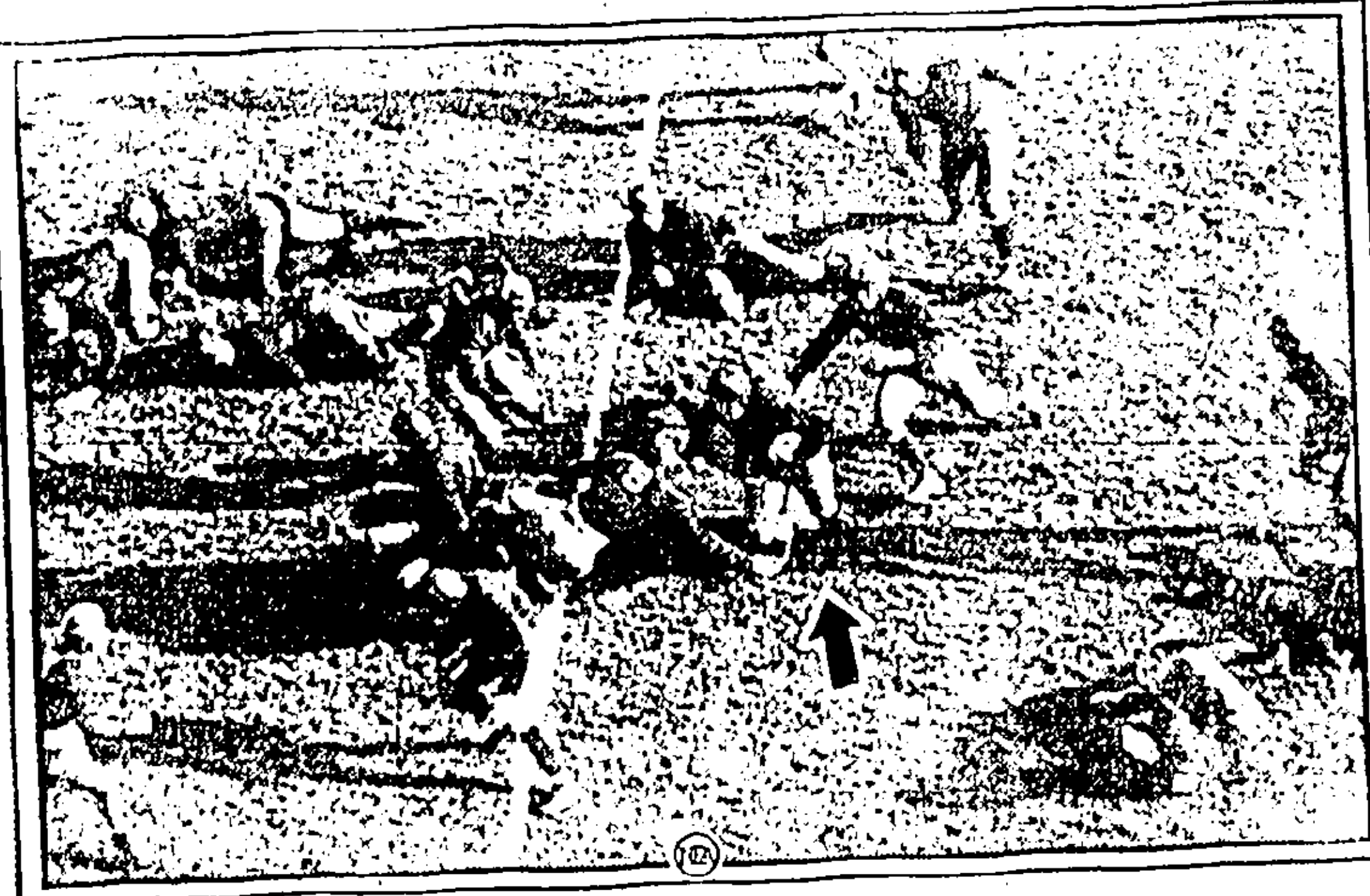
Mr. Harry Tan Whyne, who is joining a Shanghai firm of architects. Mrs. N. Kroggey wife of a well-known Shanghai engineer. Mr. J. C. McCracken, a well-known Shanghai surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai.



Just one corner of the Majestic Ballroom which was crowded with dancers on November 28 when the Caledonian Ball was held under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society. The gowns worn by the ladies were exceedingly attractive both in colour and style.



The drums and trumpets of the 4th U. S. Marine Corps.



An unhappy surprise awaited Harvard's footballers when a fighting William and Mary team battled them to a 13-to-13 standstill at Cambridge, Mass. Pictured above is a bit of fast play in the initial period. Murphy of William and Mary is shown tackling Jack Crickard (indicated by arrow) of Harvard, who previously had raced 83 yards for a touchdown in the first two minutes of play. The score saw-sawed during the game, with William and Mary capitalizing on numerous Harvard fumbles.



Miss Charlotte Haemolinek in the "Bluebird" as the "Rabbit."



Miss Patricia O'Kane, of the "Bluebird" cast in the role of "The Dog."

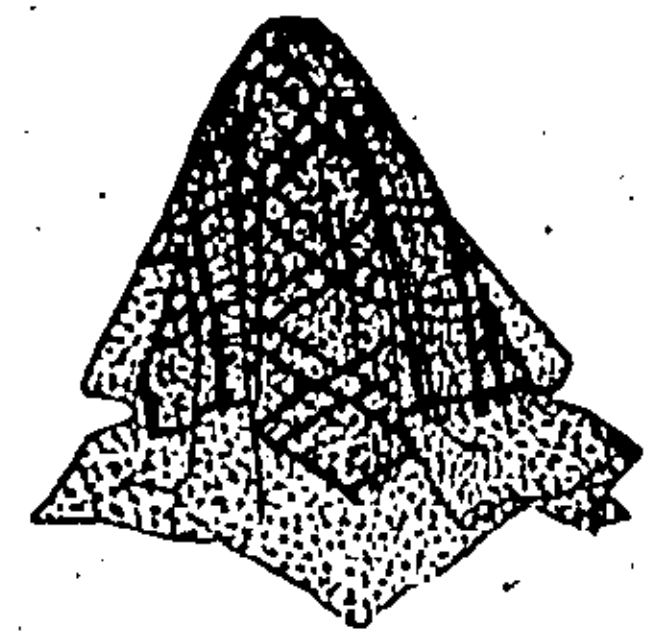


Vera, Countess Cathcart, and her new husband, Sir Rowland Hodge, millionaire shipping Magnate, of Surbiton.



A wedding that attracted much interest in Shanghai took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Miss Barbara Silby becoming the bride of Mr. Graeme Douglas Nicholl. Dean Trivett officiated.

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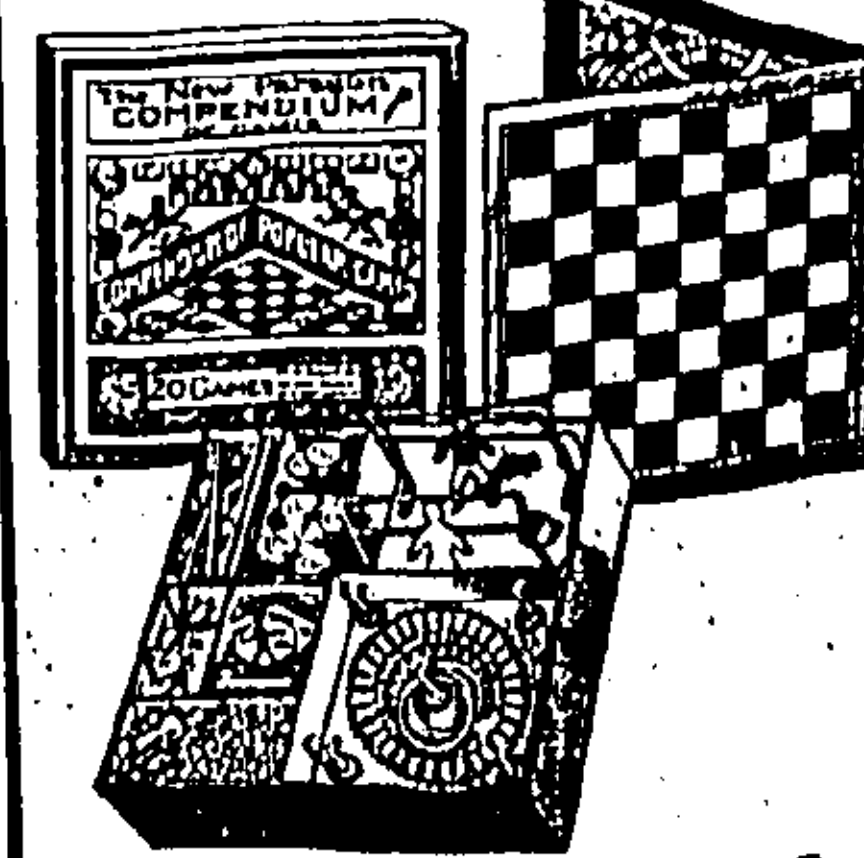
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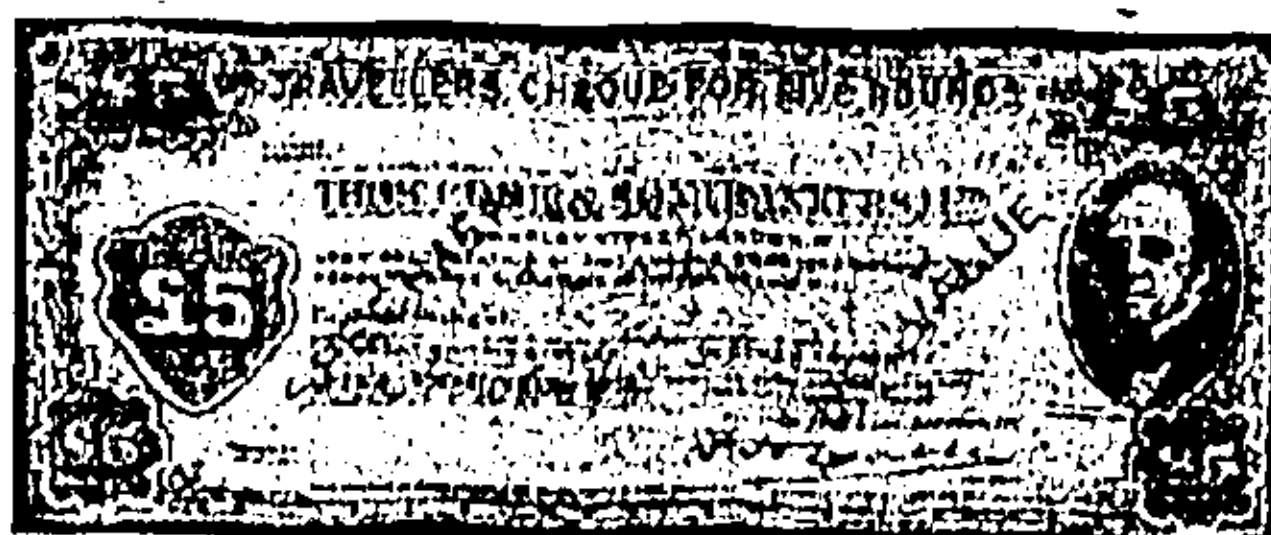
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UNLOCKED HIS HANDCUFFS.

The question as to how a convict came to be in possession of a key which he used in a desperate attempt to escape was raised at the inquest at Romsey on Thomas Fern, who was killed when he leapt from a train.

With three other convicts, Fern was being taken from Winchester to Dartmoor Prison, in charge of two warders. It was after leaving Eastleigh that the struggle for liberty took place.

Three of the convicts were overpowered, but Fern sprang from the train and was found dead by the side of the line.

The four prisoners had been secured to a gang chain, to which a wrist cuff on each prisoner was locked.

Why Train Was Used.

Mr. E. G. Humphreys, Governor of Winchester Prison, told the coroner that though Fern was secured to the chain he had a large amount of freedom for a long journey.

The coroner: I think the jury would like to know why convicts are taken by train in these days. It is safer than motor vehicles for long journeys?—In this case a journey to Dartmoor would be impracticable by coach. They would get there in the dark, and going over a wild part of the country it would not be safe.

The coroner said he had received a letter from the man's mother asking the Governor to make arrangements for the funeral. She signed herself "Mrs. Fern," but referred to him as "Henry James Lawley." Robert Flitton, one of the warders from Winchester, told the coroner that a key which would unlock the cuffs was found in the train. It did not belong to the escort.

"It is assumed," added Flitton, "that one of the convicts got possession of the key, and an inquiry is proceeding."

Searched.

The coroner: The convicts were not released from the chain?—Not one of them, sir.

Replying to the foreman of the jury, Flitton said the key was not of the same pattern as that used by the prison authorities. The prisoners had been searched but nothing was found.

The Governor told the coroner that Fern had not been anywhere near the workshop and the key would not have been manufactured in the prison.

The coroner said he was convinced that Fern was trying to escape and not to commit suicide.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death due to misadventure."

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INTERPRETER AND ALLEGED 'SQUEEZE.'

FAMILY UPKEEP QUESTIONED BY PROSECUTION.

The case against Li Tsun-pui, Police Interpreter, who is charged with accepting \$30 from a hawker named Liu Him by false pretences, was continued before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

Accused said he had been 19 years in the Police Department, being now a Fourth Grade Interpreter. Except for minor reprimands of a departmental nature which were not unusual, he said, he had a clean record of service.

He drew a salary which with house allowance, amounted to about \$146 monthly. Of this, \$80 went to his wife for housekeeping

and maintenance expenses for herself, a concubine and five children, a further \$20 went to the upkeep of another concubine, and the remaining \$40 odd was retained by himself for personal expenses.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. (prosecuting): I suggest to you that this license (for the complainant) was approved before he knew of it?—Defendant: That is not so.

Mr. Murphy: I put it to you that you suggested that he should pay \$30 to you for your trouble.

This was vigorously denied.

After the defendant had called witnesses to bear out his case that the \$30 was in reality a loan he made to the hawker which was being returned to him, the case was adjourned until Friday morning, when Mr. M. K. Lo will make his final submissions on behalf of the defendant.

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£50,000 APPEAL.

LEVER BROS. WIN.

London, Nov. 21.
The appeal against Mr. Justice Wright's decision ordering £50,000 to be repaid to Messrs. Lever Brothers by Mr. E. H. Bell, of Harrogate, and Mr. W. E. Snelling, of Putney Heath, was dismissed by the Appeal Court.

Messrs. Bell and Snelling were formerly chairman and vice-chairman of the Niger Company, and they were paid £30,000 and £20,000 respectively as compensation when the company amalgamated with the African and Eastern Trade Corporation. They admitted having received £1,360 in respect of four private deals in cocoa, and this was also ordered to be repaid.

In the King's Bench Division (where the hearing lasted three weeks and cost £25,000) the jury found that Messrs. Lever Brothers would have exercised a right to terminate Messrs. Bell and Snelling's contracts of service had they known of the dealings, but the jury also found that there was no fraudulent misrepresentation or concealment by the defendants in not disclosing the deals.

Mr. Justice Wright ordered repayment on the ground that there had been a mutual fundamental mistake as to the nature of the agreement cancelled, and the defendants appealed on the ground that mutual mistake had not been pleaded.

Servants' Obligation.

Lord Justice Scrutton said that mutual mistake could make a contract void. He added:

"I do not propose to lay down any definite rule for ground of disclosure by servants, but in my opinion the defendants were under an obligation, before termination of their service agreement, to disclose any breach of that contract, and the contract to terminate could be declared void by this non-disclosure."

Lord Justice Lawrence and Lord Justice Greer agreed, and the appeal was dismissed with costs.

"Had Enough Rope."

Mr. Miller asked for a stay with a view to appeal to the House of Lords.

Lord Justice Scrutton: Don't you think you have had enough rope and had better do something about the money? Will it be brought into court? This is not a time to leave money lying about. We think you ought to put the money in joint names if you want a stay.

Mr. Miller: Would you think we were meeting the position if we were to undertake to bring into court half the amount, £25,000?

Mr. Lewis (for Messrs. Lever): The whole amount should be paid into court. We do not know what the financial position of these men is now. My information is that Mr. Snelling is in France, where he has been for some time. Mr. Bell is here.

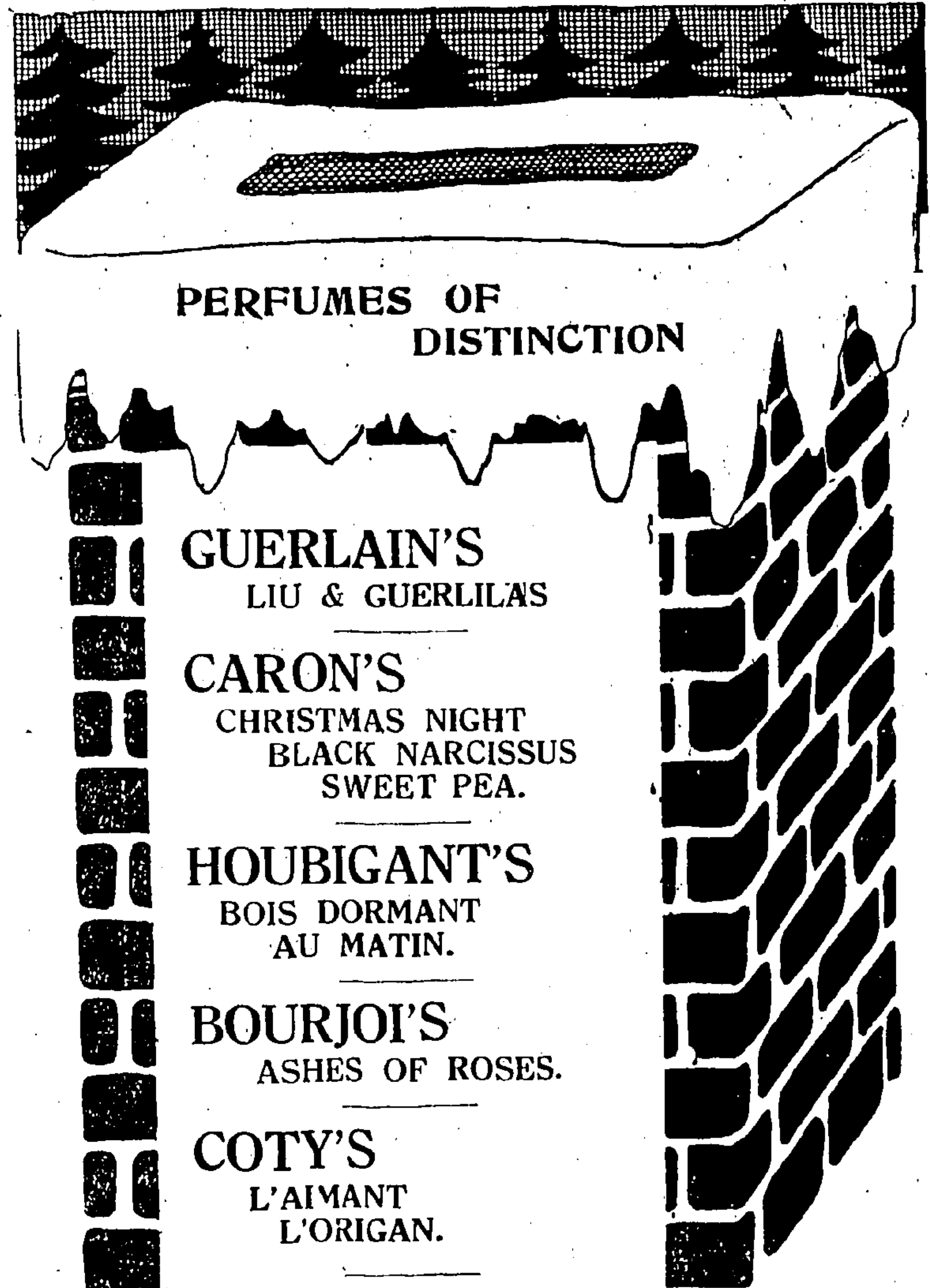
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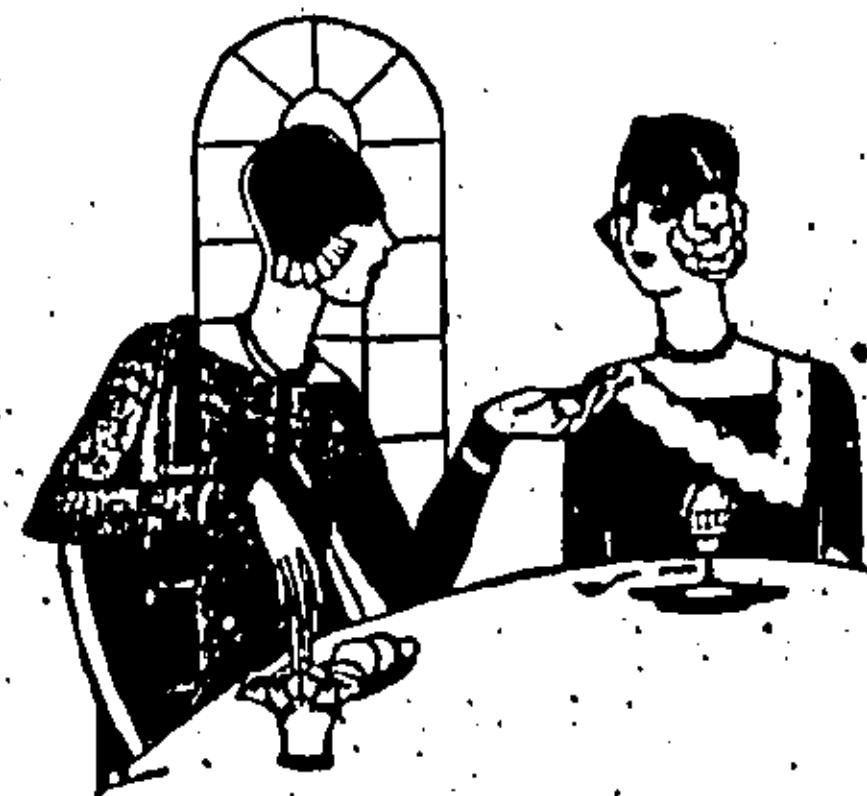
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Mrs. C. Y. Wang, Mr. Wang Kok-shan, Dr. C. C. Wang and brothers wish to thank all friends for letters of condolence, beautiful floral tributes and personal attendance at the funeral of the late Professor C. Y. Wang. Special thanks are also tendered to Dr. C. H. Wan and Professor W. I. Gernard for their constant and painstaking medical attention. Will all friends please accept this acknowledgment of their kind sympathy?

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1930.

THE DEATH SENTENCE

Public opinion will probably be sharply divided over the main recommendation of the Select Committee on Capital Punishment, that the death penalty be abolished for an experimental period of five years in cases tried by (Civil Courts in time of peace. As to the penalty to be substituted, it is proposed that it be that which is at present attached to reprieved murderers, and should be administered in the same way as now. In the event of these recommendations not being accepted by Parliament, the Committee has made a number of conditional recommendations, one of which is that the rule on the subject of insanity be revised so as to allow a wider scope for medical consideration, and to limit the area of criminal responsibility in the case of the mentally defective. Another suggestion is that the Royal prerogative should be much more largely exercised, and this should be authorised by means of a resolution in the House of Commons.

The abolition of capital punishment has often been urged in England. In his day, Jeremy Bentham was a strong opponent of the death sentence. He held that "the prodigal fury" involved in capital punishment reveals an imbecility of soul which sees in the destruction of the convict the most convenient way of securing that he shall no longer be an object of concern to society. He contested the deterrent theory on the ground that most criminals fear death less than want or humiliation, and certainly less than they would life imprisonment. Opinions will differ on these submissions, although it is noteworthy that such countries as Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Norway and Portugal have long since abolished the death sentence. The statistics issued by these countries in regard to murders are, nevertheless, not regarded as conclusive, because experience has shown that where capital

punishment does not exist, convictions are far more easily obtained. There is a good deal to be said on both sides of the argument so far as the deterrent effects of the death sentence are concerned. On the one hand, it is contended that if capital punishment were abolished, there would be less hesitation in committing murder; on the other, it is argued that experience shows the fear of being hanged to be no real deterrent to the criminally-minded. Perhaps the strongest case for abolition can be made out on the possibility under the present system of innocent people being sent to the scaffold, for, once the due process of the law is carried out, there can be no correction of the error after it has been revealed. The case of Oscar Slater, who was pardoned after first being sentenced to death and later spending many long years in prison, naturally suggests itself in this connection. The opponents of capital punishment contend, with considerable force and reason, that so long as there is a possibility of a miscarriage of justice, the risk of sending an innocent man to death ought not to be taken.

There are others who lift the whole issue to an even higher plane, and who contend that capital punishment is in its essence based on the barbaric idea of revenge—that it is in reality "legalised murder." Just as the death penalty has long since been abolished for sheep-stealing and such trivial offences, so do these opponents of the system believe that we shall come in course of time to look back with feelings of shame and horror on the imposition of the death penalty for any offence whatsoever. Public opinion, however, moves slowly in these matters. The idea of the Select Committee which has just reported is that an experiment be made with a view to testing the effects of abolition. This plan strikes us as being one worthy of a trial. In any event, no great harm can be done by its adoption, since convicted murderers would no longer be a menace to society, inasmuch as they would be permanently lodged in gaol. With the knowledge thus gained over a period of five years, it should be possible to determine the pros and cons of the issue much more satisfactorily than can be done as conditions are at present.

A Franco-German Entente.

Numerous ill-considered attempts have been made of late to bolster the idea of a Franco-German entente and the net result has been to antagonise possible supporters. The subject takes on a new interest, however, when the advocate is a great French patriot, M. Poincaré. In a paper prepared for the opening of the Institute of Germanic Studies in Paris, which he could not personally read because of his sudden illness, M. Poincaré denied any French endeavour to retain a monopoly of European civilisation, and expressed the hope that the Institute would promote intellectual co-operation between the two countries and thus prepare for a real entente. There cannot, of course, be any useful rapprochement that is not based upon a common desire for peace, though an accord which would have for its object a Franco-German hegemony of Europe would be highly desirable. Too often understandings between nations are extolled without regard to their foundations. No entente which would imply the slightest measure of opposition to other nations could be considered for a moment. The time is past when moves for setting up new equilibria in Europe can be contemplated with anything but the greatest distrust. It is just as well therefore that the recent campaign of M. Gustave Hervé, a noted French writer, has collapsed. He proposed an alliance between France and Ger-

DAY BY DAY

NEVER RISK A JOKE, EVEN THE LEAST OFFENSIVE IN ITS NATURE, AND THE MOST COMMON, WITH A PERSON WHO IS NOT WELL BRED, AND POSSESSED OF SENSE TO COMPREHEND IT.—*La Bruyere.*

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

With silver up 3/16ths of a penny, the dollar rose 1/16th on opening this morning.

The Queen's Dispensary has issued an effective wall calendar bearing a coloured study of an old English inn.

Christmas and New Year greetings are now accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via radio. Full particulars can be obtained on application.

Messrs. Calbeck, Macgregor and Co., Ltd., are issuing to their customers a beautiful leather pocket wallet advertising the famous Johnny Walker whisky, for which they are agents.

A salesman of the Sun Company reported to the police yesterday that whilst he was changing money at the Yip Loong Bank, of 145, Wing Lok Street, between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. some one stole \$100 in Chinese currency from a seat beside him.

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing 14 empty wine jars from the Wong Wo Lau distillery at Cheung Shu Wan, yesterday, a Chinese was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment, by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

An application was made before Mr. Butters, at Kowloon this morning, for a date for hearing, and a new charge was preferred against Li Sau, charged with having stolen \$4 from his master, Chu Kwok, at 46, Prince Edward Road on December 10. The new charge was of having administered noxious matter (caustic soda) to his master with intent to injure or annoy. Mr. Butters fixed the hearing for Monday.

many, involving the return of the Saar territory to Germany immediately, French approval of an Austro-German union, the raising of Germany's military status to that of France, French assistance in the Vistula problem, and a military alliance on equal terms. Curiously enough, the attack on the scheme was left to Adolf Hitler, the German Fascist leader. He demanded in the first place that all such suggestions should come through the French Government, pointed out that the only justification for a Franco-German military alliance would be an aggressive design against a third Power, and that such an alliance would be contrary to the League of Nations Covenant and the Kellogg Pact. It is something of a paradox to find Nazi Hitler undertaking the part of champion of the League and the Pact and of European tranquillity. It merely exemplifies the extreme caution with which the issues must be approached.

D. B. WYNDHAM LEWIS probes

THE CASE OF THE WEDDING GUEST.

IT is a significant example of the morality of the times—and I recommend this to the notice of the Lambeth Conference—that on Tuesday, July 1, the third day of the second Test match, when England was fighting for honour, nay, for very existence, a pair of young lovers should be so frivolous and so cynically oblivious of common decency as to get married publicly in a London church.

I know, because I was there; a shame-faced wedding guest, avoiding hostile eyes; a silk-hatted popinjay, with England, my country ("Capten, art the sleepin' there below?"), in extremis, Hobbs dismissed, and doom, veiling of the gods, and ruin shaking the heavy air. The head verger at St. Benet's, W., will witness that I was hot with remorse and self-loathing. In the vestry we exchanged a glance. . . . But let us talk of something else.

So strongly does the average Englishman hold, with one of H. G. Wells's heroes, that whatever is inconvenient or disagreeable to the English mind can be annihilated by simply not thinking about it, that I apologise for touching lightly here on one of the twelve fundamentals which the English would rather not think about. I refer not to one of the enduring Verities (for the moment) but to the position, at a wedding, of the Wedding Guest; his rights, his disabilities, and his redress, if any.

There is a leading lawsuit on the subject, the case of *Rumbelow v. Trubshaw* (K.L. 1498, S.S. Bulger, J.). In this case the plaintiff Rumbelow, described as a mariner, endeavoured to recover damages for slander, twenty gold florins for services rendered and costs.

It appeared that as the defendant Trubshaw was about to attend a wedding he was stopped outside the church by Rumbelow, a venerable bearded figure with glittering eyes, and forced to listen to a long story in a bull-dog metre about an albatross, in consequence of which Trubshaw was unable to be present at the ceremony and returned home.

Trubshaw's case was (a) drunk and (b) a practitioner of hypnosis. Rumbelow's case was that Trubshaw had hired him secretly in order to have an excuse for missing the wedding.

I translate a portion of evidence from the law-French of the period.

Mr. Justice Bulger: What sort of a wedding?

Trubshaw: Oh, the usual crust, my lord.

Mr. Justice Bulger: You wished to be present?—Yes, sort of. You know.

You missed the reception too?—Oh, yes. Rather.

Well, that was something, was it not?—Oh, yes.

You got away with it like that and you have the effrontery to treat your benefactor in this manner?—(No reply.)

A witness named Mrs. H. Smith said she was a British matron and was present at the wedding ceremony, during which she took part in a chair-dance at the back of the church with several other ladies desirous of seeing the bride. Seven ladies were slightly injured, five others fell in a swooning heap to

the floor, and one verger was removed to hospital.

As she entered and left the church she saw the plaintiff Rumbelow buttonholing Trubshaw in the street and holding him in conversation. He (Rumbelow) appeared to be in liquor.

Mr. Justice Bulger: To what extent?—Fairly picked, I should say.

What was the defendant's condition?—He seemed a bit dazed, like.

The plaintiff Rumbelow denied on oath that he was drunk, and declared that Trubshaw, who he had met the day before, had offered him twenty florins to stop him (Trubshaw) at 2.15 next day and tell him a long confidential story in the street, so that he (Trubshaw) could "give the whole doings a miss."

He (Rumbelow) agreed, and chose from his repertoire a story about an albatross.

Mr. Justice Bulger: Clean, I hope?—Yes, melud.

But long, I take it?—Fairly, melud.

Do you belong to any clubs?—No, melud.

At his Lordship's request the ancient mariner then recited the whole story of the albatross, with the moral tag with which it ends.

Mr. Justice Bulger (shaking his head): Not so good.

Plaintiff: Whadya mean, not so good?

Mr. Justice Bulger: Well, I mean to say!

Here, apparently, the Court adjourned for luncheon, to reassemble an hour later, when the Judge took his seat and reopened the proceedings.

Mr. Justice Bulger (to plaintiff): Do you know the one about the man at the conversation with the miss Pekinese?

Here the manuscript of the evidence shows a hiatus, to resume with the finding of the Court. The defendant Trubshaw was ordered to pay all costs, and the papers were sent to the Public Prosecutor.

This has ever since been regarded as a test case: that is to say, the wedding guest is held in law to be under contract to the bridal parties; that is, he binds himself absolutely in male person to produce himself, incorpore at carne intacta, and nihil obstat, at any ceremony or festivity whatsoever, ordained, established, confirmed, contrived, or imposed at the free will of both bridal parties regardant and amortised.

Which seems (Coke, *Commentary* on *Littleton's Tenures*; Leake, *Principles of the Law of Contract*) a bit tough.

THESE WOMEN MOTORISTS.

ONE of the most controversial subjects in motoring circles to-day is: "What does that lady driver in front of us wish to convey by the signal she has just given us?"

Well, there is no definite answer to that important question. It may be one of a hundred things. Indeed, it often is.

For example, let us suppose that a lady driver whom we will call X, because she is such an unknown quantity, has put out her right hand in a sweeping gesture. The usual supposition then is that this X has made up her mind to turn to the right.

We experienced old road hogs do not set a great deal of store by that, though. We know that this X is a lady of infinite gesture. She may be about to turn to the right, of course. It is far more probable, however, that she is just indicating the beauties of the hedgerow to a friend or holding out her hand to feel if it has stopped raining.

It is for this reason that I have prepared my "Lady Drivers' Signal Code." This code gives every possible meaning to every possible womanly signal, and thus nothing remains for motorists to do but to decide just which meaning, if any, was intended. They may then pass with comparative impunity or, better still, remain well in the rear until the lady driver is safely out of the way.

LANE-NORCOTT'S SIGNAL CODE OR LADIES AND SAFETY FIRST.

What a Lady Driver means when she raises her right arm.

- 1 I am about to stop.
- 2 Look! There's an aeroplane up there!
- 3 I've got an awful pain in this arm. I believe its rheumatism.
- 4 I always serve in this way, like Tilden.
- 5 Hello! There's Harry! (Continued on Page 2.)



"Yes, sir, there's something about nature this time of year that's mighty touching."

THE ANTI-BANDIT CAMPAIGN.

BIG LOAN TO MEET EXPENDITURE.

REWARDS FOR CAPTURE OF THE LEADERS.

SHANSI PROBLEM.

Hankow, Dec. 17. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, President of the National Government, has decided, following a military conference at Kuling with his Divisional Commanders, that to cover the expenses of the big anti-Communist expedition in Central China, the Nanking Government will issue a public loan of \$3,000,000 with revenue on the salt administration at Hankow and Wuchang as security.

Other details of operations against "Reds" were also discussed by the conference at considerable length and it is understood that the Nationalist Divisional Commanders have all returned to their respective districts to make preparations for launching the offensive against the bandits as soon as Marshal Chiang gives the order for a general attack.

Rewards Offered.

Thousands of leaflets bearing the signature of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek have been issued declaring that the Government is ready to give to any Military Commander, for the capture or execution of the Communist leaders, Chu Tak, Mo Chak-long, Pang Tak-wai, and Wang Kung-tao, a reward of \$50,000 in respect of each. A general warning has been given to the Communist bandits regarding their ultimate extermination, and Marshal Chiang says that the Government will supply a month's pay of \$50 to any of the Communists who surrender to the authorities and \$500 to those who surrender with their arms and ammunition.

Railway Precautions.

Following complaints to the Manchurian Government of bandit activities along the Peking-Suiyuan Railway, Manchurian troops are now being equipped with machine guns. They will travel on the trains and render protection to passengers.

The present Superintendent of the Tsinanfu-Kiaochow Railway has tendered his resignation to the Government and it is believed that a Manchurian appointee will be selected for the post.

With a view to reinforcing the Nationalist Divisions fighting in Kiangsi and Hunan, the Nanking Military Command has instructed the 5th Nationalist Division, now acting as the Garrison force at Chengchow, to proceed to Hsinan to join in the anti-bandit war.

Northern Disbandment.

While the Central Government is busily engaged in the suppression of bandits, General Chang Hsueh-liang, head of the Manchurian Government, is undertaking the stupendous task of disbanding all superfluous troops in North China. He is summoning a conference with the Shansi and Kuomintang Divisional Commanders as well as the Military Governor of Shantung, General Han Fu-chu, for a sincere discussion to curtail the armies in the North.

General Chang Hsueh-liang has had to postpone his departure for Mukden because his meetings with Generals Sheng Chan and Hsu Yung-chang, representing the Shansi armies, have so far yielded no result. The Manchurian ruler will now summon more Shansi Divisional Commanders to confer with him at Tientsin.

A Big Problem.

The Shansi representatives have indicated that the difficulty in settling the disbandment issue has its origin in the presence of about 100,000 independent mercenaries who are not under the direct control of the Shansi Provincial Government.

While the Shansi delegates have made it clear that it is beyond the financial possibility of their Province to support this large contingent of mercenaries, General Chang Hsueh-liang is insisting on all armies in Shansi being supported by the Shansi Treasury, even if a rigid curtailment has to be carried out.

Mall has been received at the American Consulate General for the following persons:—Ch. L. Boender, S. Domingo, J. R. Egan, H. C. Evans, Mrs. L. Givland, F. Hamilton, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, A. H. Martin, A. M. Martin, J. A. McGee, W. C. Ockland, C. B. Olivarius, Mrs. E. T. Seton, F. N. Shumaker, Mrs. C. Smith, G. L. Townsend, G. N. Vitt, H. W. Wade, W. B. Williamson.

INDIAN PROBLEM DETAILS.

NEW SUB-COMMITTEES NOW CREATED.

PREMIER'S POSITION.

London, Dec. 17. The Prime Minister will be the Chairman of the Minorities Sub-Committee, the members of which were selected to-day by the Business Committee of the Round Table Conference. His acceptance of this position is appropriate in view of his presence in the role of conciliator at the recent conversations on the minority problem between the Hindu and Moslem delegates.

The Sub-Committee has thirty-seven members, among whom are representatives of the all-British delegations, the Hindu Mahasabha, the Hindu Liberals, the Moslems, the Sikhs, Indian Christians, Anglo-Indians, Indian women, depressed classes, Labour and European. The provision to be made to secure the willing co-operation of minorities and special interests.

The Sub-Committee on Franchise, consisting of thirty-seven members, including both women delegates, was also formed, with Sir William Jowitt as Chairman. The Sub-Committee on the North West Frontier Province which has also been set up, with twenty members, will have the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, as Chairman.

The Federal Structure Sub-Committee meets to-morrow to discuss the future treatment of subjects and functions at present pertaining to the Central Government and not placed on the federal list.

On Monday, this sub-committee will begin consideration of Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of the Lord Chancellor's list of heads of subjects, namely, the number of members composing the Federal Legislature, and, if the Legislature is of more than one Chamber, of each Chamber, and their distribution among the federating units; the methods whereby representatives from British India and from the Indian States are to be chosen; and the constitution, character, powers and responsibilities of the Federal Legislature.

The Sub-Committee has also to report upon the relation of the federal executive and of the provincial executives to the Crown.—British Wireless.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Protection of Birds.

(To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir, The following Badges are awarded to Boy Scouts for passing searching tests in Nature Study:—Bird Warden, Friend to Animals, Naturalist, Stalker, Starman, and Woodman. The details of each are far too many for quotation in this letter, but I shall be glad to supply them on application.

Nature Notes are required in the reports of Scouts sent in after the two days hike which is one of the most important tests for the First Class Scout Badges.

In the Official Training Course for Scout Officers, very great stress is laid on Nature Study, no less than four and a half hours being set apart for that subject, not counting two and a half hours for Woodmanship, which includes not only the knowledge of Trees, but also the care of them, the correct method of felling, thinning out, lopping, etc., in fact elementary forestry.

Some of the Paragraph Headings in the Lecture on General Nature Lore are illuminating:—Living Nature, Nature's Beauty, Beauty of Movement, Shape, Texture, Sound and Colour, Life Stories of Common Animals and Plants, Animals and Men etc.

Stress is laid on personal observation and the use of Sketch book and Camera, even in the study of birds' eggs, rather than collection of the actual article and by use of the gun.

The Girl Guides have similar Badges and Methods.

In the past we have been sadly handicapped locally by the lack of any books on the Fauna and Flora of the Colony, so that the arrival of "The Hongkong Naturalist" was warmly welcomed.

The Chief Scout writes, in "Scouting for Boys", under the heading "Nature Lore":—"Above all things the value of the Camp is the opportunity that it gives of bringing the boys to live face to face with Nature." He then goes on to expand this idea.

In Salwan Bay the local Scouts hope to develop this subject both in the Training of Officers and in the increased facilities afforded the boys for more frequent camping. Any assistance in imparting Nature Lore will be gratefully welcomed, and as the sum of at least \$16,000 is still required to clear off

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL.

MRS. R. M. DYER PRESENTS THE ANNUAL PRIZES.

CHARMING CONCERT.

The annual prize giving day of the Kowloon Junior School was held this morning, when there was a large attendance of parents. A charming concert programme was given on the school lawn, which was decorated with flags, by the school children, attired in many fancy costumes.

Mr. A. O. Brown presided and the prizes were presented by Mrs. R. M. Dyer. The head-mistress's report, read by Miss Cooper, is as follows:

Allowing for the necessary absence during the hot weather, the attendance, throughout the year, has been satisfactory, the average for the year comparing well with last year.

Staff.—Miss Whitley went on leave on March 29 and Mrs. Beattie was transferred from Ellis Knudsen School to take her place. I might mention here that Miss Whitley has been studying Art, while in England, and has passed some of the advanced examinations of the Royal Drawing Society. Miss Grant, our Senior Mistress, was married to Mr. Beattie Hartnell during the Summer holidays, and we were all sorry when she was transferred to the Central British School in September. Mrs. Loyal was then appointed here.

Visits of Inspectors. In the course of the year Mr. de Martin, Mr. Brown, and others, who were interested, visited the school and saw the work in the different classes.

Health. Dr. Minett, the School Medical Officer, made three inspections. She examined all the children who were suffering from various diseases, tooth, sight, ear, nose, etc., and the parents were informed, when it was necessary for any child to have special treatment. Miss Dyer, the Games Mistress, gives remedies during school hours, in co-operation with Dr. Minett, M.O.S. She weighed and measured the children at the end of the year and reported favourably on their progress.

Examinations. Thirteen pupils were entered for the Preparatory Division of the Royal Drawing Society, held in June last, and all passed, 12 with honours. The Society has awarded a special prize to Joan Raby while Doreen Brown's free drawing was considered interesting enough to be in the Royal Drawing Society to include in their book of illustrations.

Twenty-four children have qualified to enter the Central British School. We are still cramped for room. The Kindergarten room is now used for Assembly, Drill and Singing, and the babies have to move, with all their impediments every time it is so required. Mrs. Dyer has again given us a generous contribution to the prize fund and we all thank her most heartily, and take this opportunity of saying how much we appreciate the interest she has always taken in the Kowloon Junior School. Our thanks are also due to Rev. J. Horace Johnston for the use of choir, to the Kowloon Dock Company for the decorations, and to Mr. Jenner, who superintends the work in person. I cannot conclude without thanking the Staff for their loyal co-operation in a successful year's work. The children's work, in every class, may I remind parents that they are welcome to come, at any time, and see how the ordinary work of the school is carried on.

Prize List.

Class 7.—1st boy, Adolf Krankle (Scholarship to C.B.S.); 1st girl, Jean Fraser (Scholarship to C.B.S.); Team leaders, Adolf Krankle, Rita Nichol.

Class 7 and 8.—Needlework prize, Helen Taylor; Progress, Jack Mitchell. Class 8.—Form prizes: 1st, Doreen Brown (Team leader); 2nd, Mary Loyal; 3rd, Jack Stokes (Team leader); Progress, Pauline Baxter; Special prize for hard work, given by Mrs. Bonnington, Francis Crabbe.

Class 7 and 8.—Handwork prize, Bobby Nichol.

Class 9.—1st in class, Betty Scriven; First for the year, Dorothy Marlow; Progress, Jean Girardot; First boy, Malcolm Hale.

Class 9b.—Form Prizes, Alec Fraser and Jean Forbes; Reading, Dolores Henley; Progress, Emily McKelvie and Jimmy Cooke.

Class 10: Division A.—1st girl, Bunt Dalglish; 2nd girl, Ellen Spence; Handwork: 1, Ruth Kehr; 2, Robert Booth; Conduct: 1, Beauty Dalglish; 2, Beryl Goldenberg; Progress, Nat Losby.

Class 10: Division B.—1st, girl, Jean Robinson; 1st boy, Derek House; Handwork: 1, Jean Macfayden, 2, Bobby Taylor; Conduct: 1, Dorothy Strafford; 2, Joyce Sturgeon; Progress, Kathy McTavish.

Drawing.—Honours, preparatory division of Royal Drawing Society, Special prize awarded to Joan Raby by the Royal Drawing Society, London. Eileen Miller, Jean Fraser, Adolf Krankle, Peggy Crookduke, Bobby Nichol, Audrey Goodman, Doreen Brown, John Franklin, Jack Mitchell, Helen Taylor, Desmond Kerr, Derek Cooke (Fias).

The mortgage on the property, any subscriptions or donations from those interested in this branch of Scoutcraft as well as from others will be gladly received.—your etc., G. T. WALDEGRAVE, Chief Commissioner.

PARTNER'S TRIAL ENDING.

CASE WHICH HAS LASTED TWO MONTHS.

DEFENCE POINTS.

After twenty-four sittings, spread over a period of more than two months, the case concerning Kwan Cheong, accountant-partner in the Kwong Cheong Loong Hing Kee, (commission agents with a large share in the importation of pigs into the Colony, a firm now defunct) who is charged with embezzling over \$40,000, entered on its concluding stages to-day, when Mr. F. C. E. Rendall made his final submissions for the defence.

Mr. Rendall, in contending that he had no case to answer, made a lengthy review of the evidence and quoted authorities bearing out his arguments on the legal aspects of the case. He declared that proof must be given of a specific misappropriation of a specific sum of money, which proof he submitted, was wanting in the case. In spite of its enormous turnover—amounting to several lakhs in a year—there had been no profit in either of the two years of the firm's existence. Evidence, he said, had turned on the question of a general deficiency, and that deficiency, he further argued, was absorbed by losses in trading.

It was easily understood, Mr. Rendall continued, that, occupying the responsible position he was in, the accused should feel a certain amount of moral responsibility, as it were, for the losses sustained by the firm, but that before he put to him by relatives and depositors having an interest in the business, whom he might meet down there, to ask to be permitted to resign and give a clean written discharge from his obligations. The visit to the country was in connexion with a sister's wedding, and was in the nature of a coincidence and not the other way about, as alleged by the prosecution.

Mr. Rendall detailed the heavy overhead expenses which the firm had to carry in one year, specifying, as an instance, the withdrawals made by Lam Pak-kyong, a brother-in-law of the accused, the amount of which, Mr. Rendall remarked, was inconsistent with Lam's standing. "I ask your Worship to say there is no case for me to answer," Mr. Rendall concluded.

The case was again adjourned until Tuesday, when Mr. D. L. Strellett will make his address to the Court on behalf of the prosecution.

THESE WOMEN MOTORISTS.

(Continued from Page 8.)

6 My dear! Would you believe it? I've left the milk on the stove again!

7 I'm going to turn to the left or right, or go straight on, or reverse.

What a Lady means when she twiddles her finger.

1 I may be going in another direction soon.

2 You take six eggs, my dear, and stir them briskly.

3 We have a roulette wheel at home.

4 I can twist George round my little finger.

5 That reminds me. I must buy a Swiss roll for tea.

6 Henry is one of those round fat men.

7 You simply can't get anyone to wind a clock in our house.

8 I'm going to turn to the left or right, or go straight on, or reverse.

What a Lady Driver means when she moves her hand up and down.

1 I'm going to slow down if I can.

2 So I waved to him like this.

3 My hand's gone to sleep now.

4 We have to pump all the water in the cottage.

5 Yes, I simply adore fly-fishing.

6 I'm just knocking the ash off my cigarette.

7 I'm going to turn to the left or right, or go straight on, or reverse.

What a Lady Driver means when she gives no signal at all.

1 I'm going to turn to the left or right, or go straight on, or reserve.

... ..

You see? Well, then, don't say I haven't warned you.—M.L.N.

Mr. W. H. Adler, of Messrs. Reiss Massey & Co. Ltd., has reported to the police the loss of a fur coat and a grey felt hat which were stolen from the reading room of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, during the service that was being held between 6 o'clock and 7 o'clock last night.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

AN EXCELLENT PRIZE-DAY PROGRAMME.

GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

Dainty costumes, enjoyable singing, and the presentation of a "Pirate Play", were some of the features of the annual prize distribution held in connexion with the Victoria British School this morning, when Mrs. A. R. Sutherland presented the awards.

The large number of parents and friends who gathered in the school room for the occasion were treated to a delightful programme by the young children, and displayed their appreciation of the entertainment in no uncertain manner.

The first part was devoted to a nursery rhyme playlet, when the more famous of the nursery rhyme characters were enacted. Those taking part were Mona Shand, Aileen Barnett, Kenneth Stone, Marion Shaffer, Colin de Rome, Margaret MacFarlane, Peter Hogg, Peter Smith, Muriel Gelling, Fleming Kinnaird, Peggy Hamer, Stuart Andrews, Donald Alexander, Alan Anderson, Kenneth Bailey, Klaus May, Norman, Ronald Burnett, Eric Oswick, Geoffrey, Sammy Salmon and Alan Cletcher.

The pirate play, "Peter Collin", was especially well staged and acted by the pupils, and reflected the highest credit upon them and those responsible for their training. The scenery and dresses were made by Miss M. J. Stuart, and were most original and effective in design. The players were Geoffrey Stone, W. Hoggood, J. Alexander, D. Hollidge, P. Brookshank, A. Brookshank, Jack Odell, D. Farrar, P. Barnett, A. Odell, J. Anderson, W. MacWalter, R. de Rome, D. Taylor, B. Oliver and D. Salmon. The play was produced by Classes 7, 8 and 9.

Subsequent to the presentation of the Headmistress's report by Miss E. M. Clark, Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, who was accompanied by Mr. G. P. de Martin (Director of Education), distributed the prizes, afterwards being the recipient of a basket of flowers. Later the visitors examined the work of the children and expressed appreciation of the high standard set.

Head Mistress' Report.

The Head Mistress' report was as follows:—The attendance during the year has been satisfactory. The Inspector of English Schools made several inspections during the year, and expressed satisfaction with the work of the school. Lady Peel visited the school in September and saw all the classes at work. Mr. Nightingale, Headmaster of the Central British School, visited us on December 4th.

The general health of the pupils has been good. Dr. Minett, Medical Officer for Schools, visited the school on several occasions during the year, and has reported recently as follows:—"Notices were sent to parents recommending treatment of defects noticed during medical inspection, and a number of children have benefited by dental or ocular treatment. The extra apparatus in the gymnasium is useful for any remedial exercises that may be necessary for bad posture, curvature etc. The clearance of the bush and relaying of a drain round the school has been helpful in keeping away mosquitoes, which at one time gave some trouble."

Instruction in drill, games, and hygiene has been given on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year. The pupils have taken great interest in the these classes which were conducted by Miss D. M. Jaques until June when she was replaced by Miss S. J. Swift.

The 26th Hongkong Bow Pack and the 6th Hongkong Browne Pack have held their weekly meetings here during the year.

Six pupils sat for the Royal Drawing Society's Examination (Preparatory Division). Three obtained Honours, one a Second-Class Certificate and one Third-Class Pass.

The staff at the beginning of the year consisted of Miss M. A. Karshak, Mrs. A. G. Jefford, Miss M. J. Stuart and myself. Miss Karshak was transferred to Quarry Bay School in September.

The work of the school has been generally satisfactory throughout the year and I take this opportunity to thank my staff for their loyal support, to which, with the sympathetic co-operation of the parents, must be attributed the satisfactory maintenance of the discipline and tone of the school.

Prize List.

Class 7.—Scholarship, Doris Whitfield Taylor; 1st prize, Jack H. Odell; 2nd prize, Derek Hollidge; special, Billy Hoggood, for progress.

Class 8.—1st prize, Dorothy Salmon; 2nd prize, Peter Brookshank.

Class 9.—1st prize, Albert Odell; 2nd prize, Mona Shand.

Class 10.—1st prize, Colin de Rome; 2nd prize, Stuart Andrews and Peter Smith; special prizes for progress, Fleming Kinnaird and Donald Alexander.

Class 10 II.—1st prize, Muriel Gelling; 2nd prize, Kenneth Stone; Royal Drawing Society's Certificate (Preparatory Division).

Doris Whitfield Taylor, Maira Whitfield Taylor, Maira Elspeth Wattie, and Derek Hollidge, passed with honours; Beryl Oliver, 2nd Class Pass.

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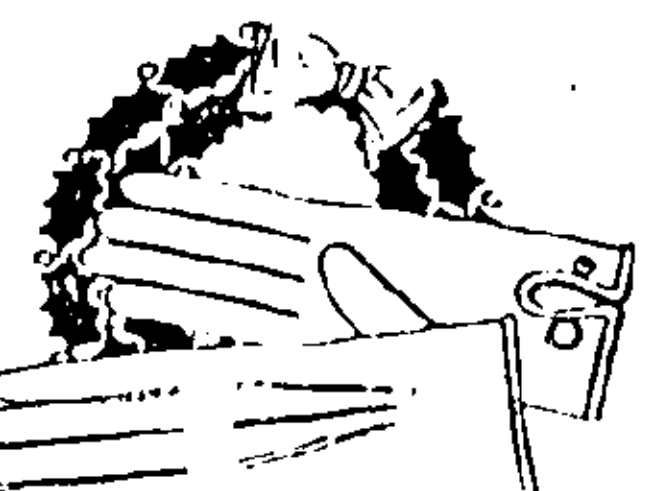


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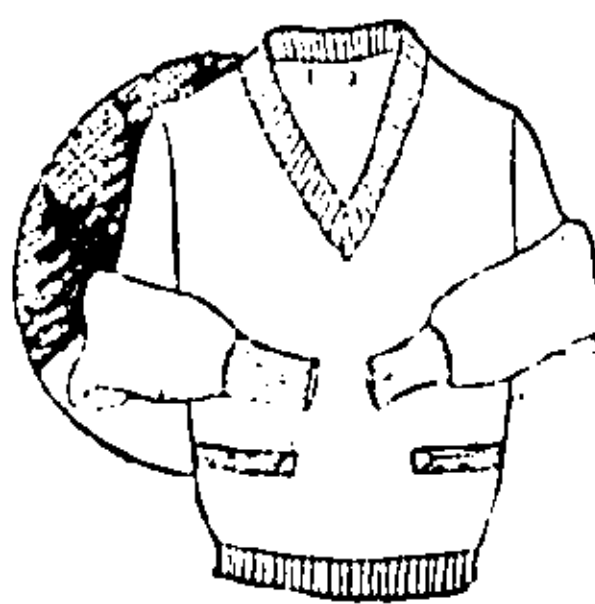


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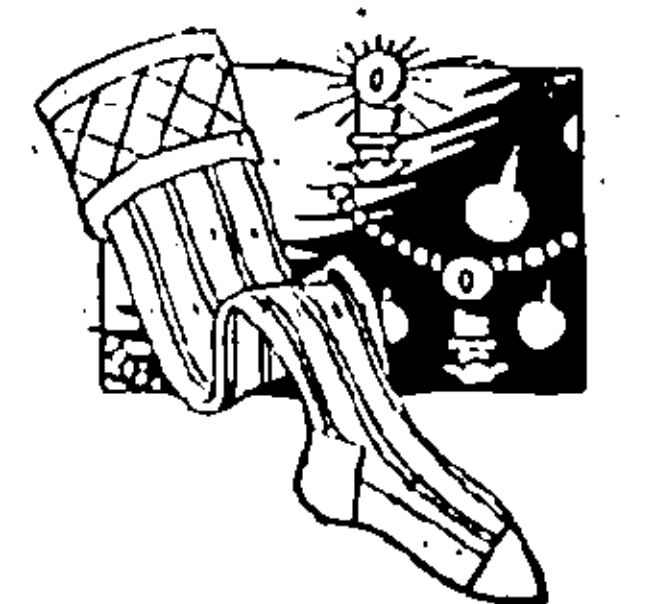
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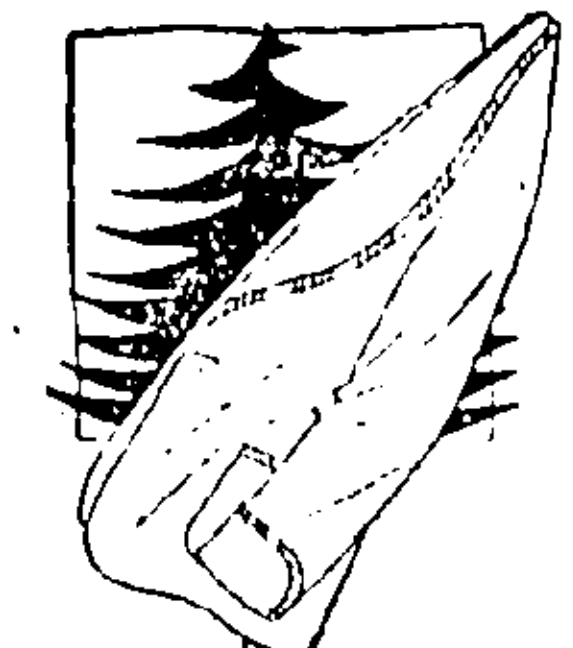


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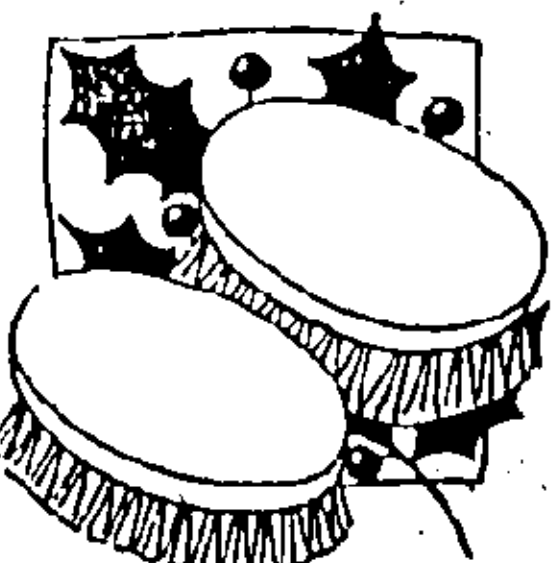
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HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND TEAMS CHOSEN.

The following players have been selected to represent England and Scotland in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition on the H.K.F.C. ground on Christmas Day, kick-off 3.30 p.m. sharp:

England:—Clucas (Navy) Dixon (Navy) and Martin (Kowloon); Hedley (Kowloon), Downman (Kowloon) and Bliss (Kowloon); Magee (Navy), Peacock (Navy) and Redgate (Navy), Grimwood (Kowloon), T. Pile (Police), Gatehouse (Navy), Janton (Kowloon) and Skinner (St. Joseph's). White shirts will be provided.

Scotland:—Clark (Police); Blackburn (Argylls) and Henderson (Argylls); McGlashan (Argylls), Oram, capt. (Police), and A. Duncan (Club); Hughes (Argylls), McKenna (Argylls), Fraser (Police), Hay (Argylls) and Campbell (Argylls). Reserves:—Rodger (Club); McBride (Club); McKelvie (Kowloon); Christie (Argylls); Wyllie (Argylls), and Brown (Police). Blue shirts will be provided.

Other Matches.
On Boxing Day, on the Club ground at 3.30 p.m. sharp, China and Portugal will meet in the same competition.

The Rest will play the Services on New Year's Day, at Sookunpo, kick-off at 3.30 p.m. sharp. The following will represent The Rest:

Clark (Police); Li Tin-sung (St. Joseph's); Martin (Kowloon); Hedley (Kowloon), Oram, capt. (Police), and Lam Yung-ying (Chinese Athletic); H. Gosau (Recreation), Seelman (Club), A. V. Gosau (Recreation), Fung King-chung (S. China) and Ip Pak-wa (S. China). Reserves:—Pau Kaping, Strang, C. Pile, Skilner, McKelvie, Downman, Chan Yee-on, McKelvie, Lim Nget-youn, Sun Kam-shun and Sabhan. White shirts will be provided.

Club Secretaries are asked to warn the players concerned in all these matches to be at the dressing room 15 minutes before the time of kick-off.

ELECTORAL REFORM PROPOSALS.

FINAL DRAFT OF LABOUR EXECUTIVE.

London, Dec. 18.

The Labour Party Executive has drafted the final proposals for the Electoral Reform Bill, including the alternative vote, a reduction of election expenses, the restriction of the use of motor-cars in elections, to the sick and disabled, the abolition of plural voting and a reduction in the quota of votes to save a deposit from one-eighth to one-tenth. —*Reuter.*

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the R.S.C. hockey team in a hockey match against the K.B.S.F.P.A. on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. at Marina Ground:—S. Gill, Rattan Singh, J. S. Grewal, Kalwant Singh, Atma Singh, Khari Mohd., R. Khan, Gurabachan Singh, Awtar Singh (Captain), Attar Singh and P. A. Kemp. Reserve:—Mehinder Singh.

CIVIL SERVICE AND POLICE WAGES.

A FALSE RUMOUR.

A rumour that an all-round reduction of 10 per cent. in Civil Service and Metropolitan Police wages and salaries was in contemplation, caused some anxiety in Civil Service circles recently.

The *Newes Chronicle* learned that none of the Civil Service trade unions have received any notification of the proposal, and that no such reduction is at present intended by the Government.

The rumour probably arose from suggestions that have been brought forward from time to time that this step might be taken to bring about a reduction in national expenditure. Not even an adjustment of the cost of living bonus is due until next March.

A bicycle is reported to have been stolen some time between 3 p.m. on Tuesday and 7 a.m. on Wednesday from 3, Humphreys Buildings, the residence of Mr. H. Gregory. The machine, a B.S.A., was valued at \$80.

For bringing an unregistered *mui tsai* into the Colony on November 13, Yee Luk-lan, a married woman, of 319, Hennessy Road, was fined \$20 by Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. J. Barrow, assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted.

The lectures delivered before the Hongkong Branch of the English Association, 1929-30, have just been published in book form, constituting an interesting record of the first session's activities of this body. The lectures, which were delivered by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, Sir Henry Gollan, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Major J. B. H. Doyle, Mrs. W. T. Southern and Father Macdonnell, are reprinted in full and make very interesting reading. The price of the reprint is 50 cents.

CINEMA NOTES.

TREMENDOUS SETS FOR "ALL QUIET."

A quarter of a million dollars was literally shot to pieces in the making of a motion picture. Erich Maria Remarque's penetrating book of the World War, "All Quiet on the Western Front," Universal's all-talking super production which is now at the Queen's Theatre.

The quarter of a million represents the cost of specially constructed buildings, whole villages of them, blown to fragments and dust with explosives to depict the devastation wrought by furious, unceasing bombardments. The first to be destroyed was a French village, a perfect replica of a Northern France hamlet caught in the cross fire of battle. The village covered ten acres of ground, extending back from a railroad on which ran specially built German red-cross trains of the 1914 period.

Representing a captured village, the streets were filled with 750 German soldiers and they were put under fire of the enemy guns. When the destruction ended the village was a mass of ruins. The buildings were blown up with planted explosives, touched off by electricity, while blank shells burst in the air.

Among the other scenes in which buildings were destroyed beyond salvage were two in which reproductions of French churches were hurled into the air, a shower of dust and debris, along with surrounding cottages.

Dancing Directors.

Dance directors are playing a more and more prominent role in the new era of multiple pictures, which are winning such high favour with screen fans.

Not only are the experts in terpsichore called upon to originate and stage elaborate ensemble numbers, designed to compete with the best Broadway dancing, but they are also responsible for staging song numbers in which individuals appear.

Danny Dare, one of the more successful Broadway dance directors who has been lured to Hollywood, gets credit for staging the highly ludicrous comedy song number, "Nothing's Gonna Hold Us Down" as sung and danced by Inez Courtney and George in "Red Corridor," all talking Movie-tone romance, coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre.

Lois Moran, who in Walter Byron have the featured roles in this talkie directed by Chandler Sprague.

"Street of Chance."

The Central Theatre is offering exciting entertainment all this week with William Powell's first starring picture, "Street of Chance."

With a plot that sweeps along at a rapid pace, a theme that is refreshingly different, a supporting cast that is excellent, and above all, with that suave, suave, and smooth, smooth, smooth dominating at every moment, this film lifts the emotions of the beholder to thrilling heights. It is a tale of big city gambling, the lives of those who live by their winnings, and at the same time, the lives of those who are held up to the mirror of reality. But if Powell is shown to be a sinister character in the role of "Natural" Davis, the biggest gambler of them all, he is nevertheless portrayed as a kindly, human person in the moment when the big test comes.

The climax is a breath-taking one.

"Innocents of Paris."

A voice and a personality that have brought Parisian audiences to their feet in wild applause, that have made Englishmen forget the London tradition of unemotionalism, and that have made their possession an international star, played by the great French actress, Yvonne Printemps, in the Paramount studios recently.

The voice and the personality are those of Maurice Chevalier. When word got around the lot (as it does, quickly and mysteriously) that the Chevalier was about to sing for the first time in the picture, a general migration from all the other departments, stages, shops, mills and offices took place to listen to the man who is rated as the greatest international entertainer of our day.

Richard Wallace directed the production and Sylvia Beecher, Margaret Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. George Fawcett, John Miljan and Russell Simpson are in the supporting cast of "Innocents of Paris," which comes to the Central Theatre soon.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.50	123.50
Geneva	25.02 1/2	25.02 1/2
Berlin	20.37 1/2	20.36 1/2
Oslo	18.16	18.15 1/2
Helsingfors	193	193
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	37.3/32	37 3/8
Shanghai	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
New York	4.85 19/32	4.85 21/32
Stockholm	12.05 1/2	12.06
Vienna	18.09 1/2	18.09 1/2
Madrid	34.47 1/2	34.47 1/2
Montevideo	47.20	46.18
Bucharest	818	818
Manila	30 3/4	30 3/4
Montevideo	1/15 1/4	1/15 1/4
Brussels	34.25 1/2	34.70 1/2
Milan	92.72 1/2	92.75 1/2
Copenhagen	18.15 1/2	18.15 1/2
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Prague	108.25	108.25
Rio	411/16	411/16
Bombay	1/5 1/4	1/5 1/4
Yokohama	2/0.17/32	2/0.17/32
Silver (spot)	14 1/4	14 1/4
" (forward)	14 1/4	14 1/4

—*British Wireless.*

Leading Telegraphist Cotterrell of H.M.S. Grant, for whose aid two cylinders of oxygen were rushed up to Wuhu by aeroplane is still in a serious, but not critical, condition. The slight progress that he made has been definitely maintained.

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PITIFUL SCENE IN COURT.

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months. That suggestion appeared to have been agreed to.

On the night in question, all the folks had their evening meal in the shop. A witness would say that later in the evening he went upstairs and, from the window, he saw accused and deceased, who had been sleeping in a shed on the same plank bed for a considerable time, leave the shop, in company with a third man, who slept in another shed nearby, and go towards their respective sheds. That was the last time deceased was seen by any witness prior to the attack on him, which took place later.

Accused's Shouts.

Mr. Fitzroy went on to say that somewhere about midnight accused went into the yard shouting "chief" and called to a man sleeping in another shed. This man ran out but could see no one, so he ran to the shop and entered by the back door just as the occupants of the shop, who had been roused by the commotion, opened the door to go out. That man, said Mr. Fitzroy, was considerably scared and did not venture out again. In the meantime, accused had approached the shop from the other side and entered through the front door, still shouting "thief" and saying that he had been cut. He was wearing a singlet and there was one cut across his right shoulder which had bled. It was found that there were three or four incisions, and the Medical Officer who examined him would testify to the possibility of them having been self-inflicted.

The other folks went outside, continued counsel, but they could see no one about. In addition, there was a dog in the sawyers' yard which had not raised any alarm at all, and the dogs of the village had also kept quiet.

Terrible Injuries.

When the shed where accused and deceased slept together, was entered deceased was found lying on the bed with his head half slashed off, the attack having apparently been made with a chopper which was found by the bed with bloodstains on it. There was evidence that at that time, he was in a fit breathing, but his wounds were such that he could live for only a short time. As it happened, some police were patrolling nearby and they arrived on the scene within a few minutes. Investigations were made and on the following morning a thorough search was carried out by Detective Inspector Dorling, who found a pair of clogs by the bed, apparently the property of deceased. He also found one clog, belonging to accused, and discovered its fellow, hearing bloodstains, near a gate not far from the scene.

Police Not Satisfied.

The chopper, which had only recently been purchased, was kept in the kitchen and the person who did the deed must have known where the chopper was. Mr. Fitzroy continued that no accused appeared to be the only one who knew anything about it, he was questioned by the police and made certain statements with which the police were not satisfied. They came to the conclusion there was a probability that accused's wounds were self-inflicted with the object of throwing the blame on to somebody else, and, after completing their investigations,

accused was charged with the murder. In reply, he made certain statements which would be put in later.

Very Little Motive.

Dealing with the question of motive, Mr. Fitzroy said that, so far as the Crown was concerned, there was no motive to put forward, assuming that accused committed the deed. The only motive appeared to be some quarrel or brooding over the matter of cooking the food, a job which he did not like. It was a pretty poor motive from an English point of view, and it might be also from a Chinese point of view, but it was the only motive the Crown could suggest for what happened. In any case it was not a part of the Crown case to establish a motive, as they did not always know what was in a man's mind.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Fitzroy said there was no evidence as to whether the men slept under the same mosquito net. The net was pulled down when found and was not damaged. There was no blood on it, as no arteries were severed and the blood oozed on to the floor.

Tang To-shi, widow of Au Ha village in Chinese territory, deposed that she had eight children, accused being her second son, and the fifth child in order. She stated that according to Chinese reckoning he was 16 years of age.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. K. H. Utley, giving evidence, said he examined the murdered man and would place his age in the region of 18. There were two cuts on the side of the neck, in line, going backwards. The first was slight, but the second was deeper and ran backwards, penetrating the muscles, the vertebral artery and even injuring the spinal cord itself.

The injuries appeared to witness to have been inflicted with one blow. They were such that he did not think they could have been self-inflicted. Death was due to shock and haemorrhage.

Witness also examined the accused and found on him a superficial wound on the point of the right shoulder. This wound could have been self-inflicted.

Cross-examined, witness said he was quite certain that death was caused by haemorrhage and shock. He could find no internal disease but there was a great loss of blood. Accused was strong enough to inflict it.

Witness reiterated that the wound on the accused's shoulder could have been self-inflicted. The case is proceeding.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Canada to-day were Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Biggar, Professor and Mrs. Roffey, Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Mr. R. K. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. de Silva, and Mr. Tycho Wing.

A report made to the police yesterday by Mr. W. Crossott, of the Royal Naval Yard Police, Kowloon, was to the effect that between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. yesterday he either lost or had stolen \$85 in bank notes from his hip pocket while crossing on the Star Ferry.

Marked success attended the matinee performance of "The Yeomen of the Guard" by the Philharmonic Society yesterday afternoon. Principals and chorus alike were in fine fettle, and the production was greatly enjoyed. The only remaining performances are to-night, to-morrow and Saturday.

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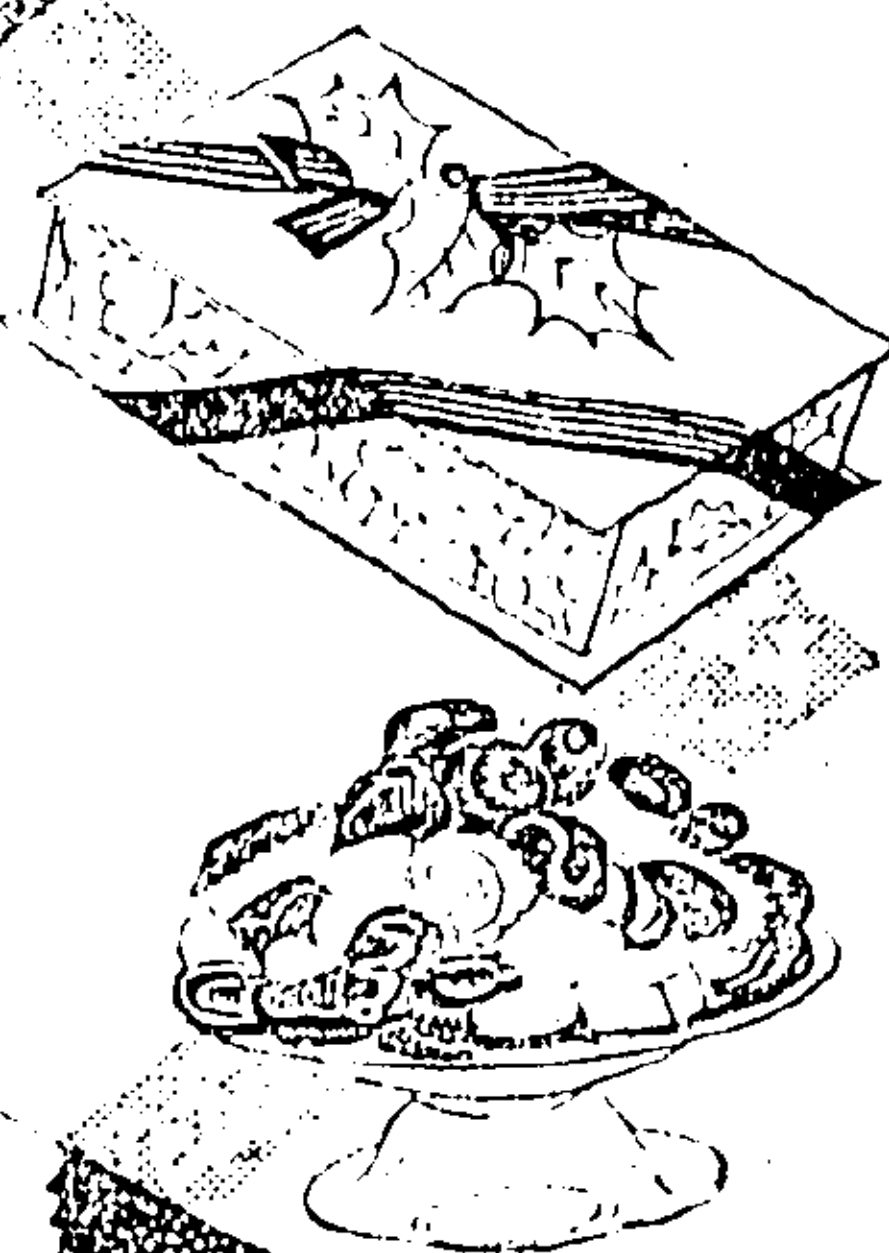
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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SERVICES "A" DEFEAT THE
CLUB "A" TEAM.

The United Services "A" fifteen ran out winners yesterday afternoon on the Club ground at Happy Valley, defeating the Club "A" side by four tries (12 points) to a try (3 points), in a fast game. The fifteen fielded by the Services was little, if any, inferior to the fifteen that played last Saturday. They did not get the ball quite so often from the tight scrums, but, when the ball did get out, it was nearly always put to good use.

Hewitt played a very sound game at scrum-half for the Services, and got the ball away well for Roberts, who was a little shaky at first, to pass to a line of three who knew how to run straight and hard. When the ball went out to the left, Barlowe showed a fine turn of speed, and was unlucky not to score more than once. Parker was another Services three-quarter who worked hard and ran well, and he looked dangerous nearly every time he had the ball.

Frankham was safe at full-back, though it must be said that he had little to do. The pick of the Services forwards were Pascoe, Nicholson, Edwards, Gilmore and Trant, and especially in the first minutes, before the Club pack settled down, were almost overwhelming in the loose.

Fox played soundly at full-back for the Club, his kicking being accurate most of the time, whilst he was on the mark with his tackles. In fact, the keen marking of the Club out-sides saved the score from being much greater. An injury to Macredy reduced the Club's strength half-way through the first half, and Macredy, though he pluckily came back after a few minutes, was so crippled that he had to retire at half-time. Peers came out of the scrum to take Macredy's place, but had little to do, though Holmes, Law and Lammert had a lot of marking and tackling on the left. Lammert had one good run through, but could not quite get away, and several kicks to touch were very valuable to a pack of forwards that seemed somewhat blown.

Forwards Fall.

Law distinguished himself with a flying tackle of Barlowe, when the latter looked bound to go through, and was very safe in defence and made ground with one or two good runs. Turner and King combined well, as usual, though the Club forwards did not follow up as fast as is their wont, and thus did not give their usual support in taking the ball down. Turner was almost over once, with a fast and tricky run. Cox heeded the ball well from the front row of the Club scrum, but it was often held by the second and third rows, when a quick heel might have given the Club a big advantage.

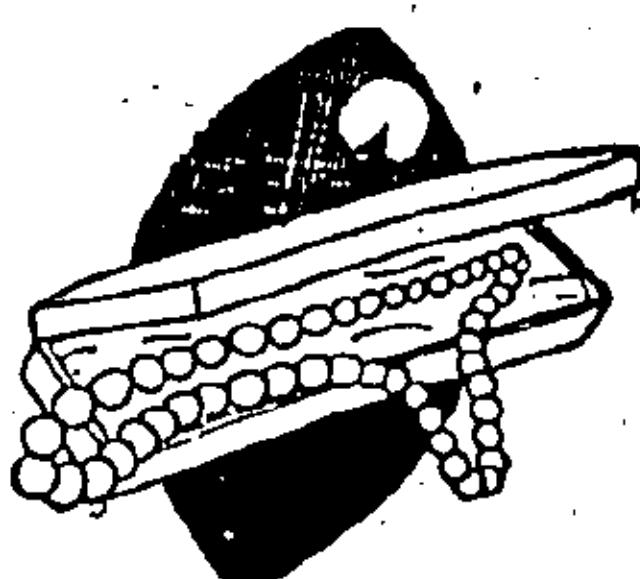
The Services were sometimes fortunate, whereas the Club were often unlucky in that the ball bounced wrongly, or just remained in play from a long kick to touch. The Services were the better side, however, thanks to an improved three-quarter line that was well served from the base of the scrum.

Trant scored the Services' first try after the Club had been hustled into their twenty-five, and Pascoe and Gilmore followed up when Fox was caught napping, to kick ahead and Pascoe touched down for the second try. Then Edwards got over for the Services, after Macredy's injury, but none of these tries was converted. Just before the half-time whistle was blown, Holmes got in when Barlowe was too far up to make a pass, kicked past Frankham, and raced down to dribble over the line between the posts, though he was just wide with an easy place-kick.

The second half produced some good play on both sides, though it was mostly confined to scrum work, but, towards the end, after the Services had been nearly over on the right, the ball, from the resulting scrum, went out to the left, and Parker ran in strongly for the Services' fourth try.

The Club played as already announced, except that W. F. Kerr and A. R. Cox came into the side in place of Hartley and the ubiquitous A. N. Other. The Services' fifteen was as follows:

L/Cpl. Frankham; Mid. Napier, Lt. David, Mid. Parker, Lt. Barlowe, Mid. Roberts, Lt. Hewitt, Lt. Holmerson, Surg. Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Harrison, Sub. Lt. Edwards, Cook Pascoe, Cpl. Trant, Pte. Gilmore, Mne. Budd.

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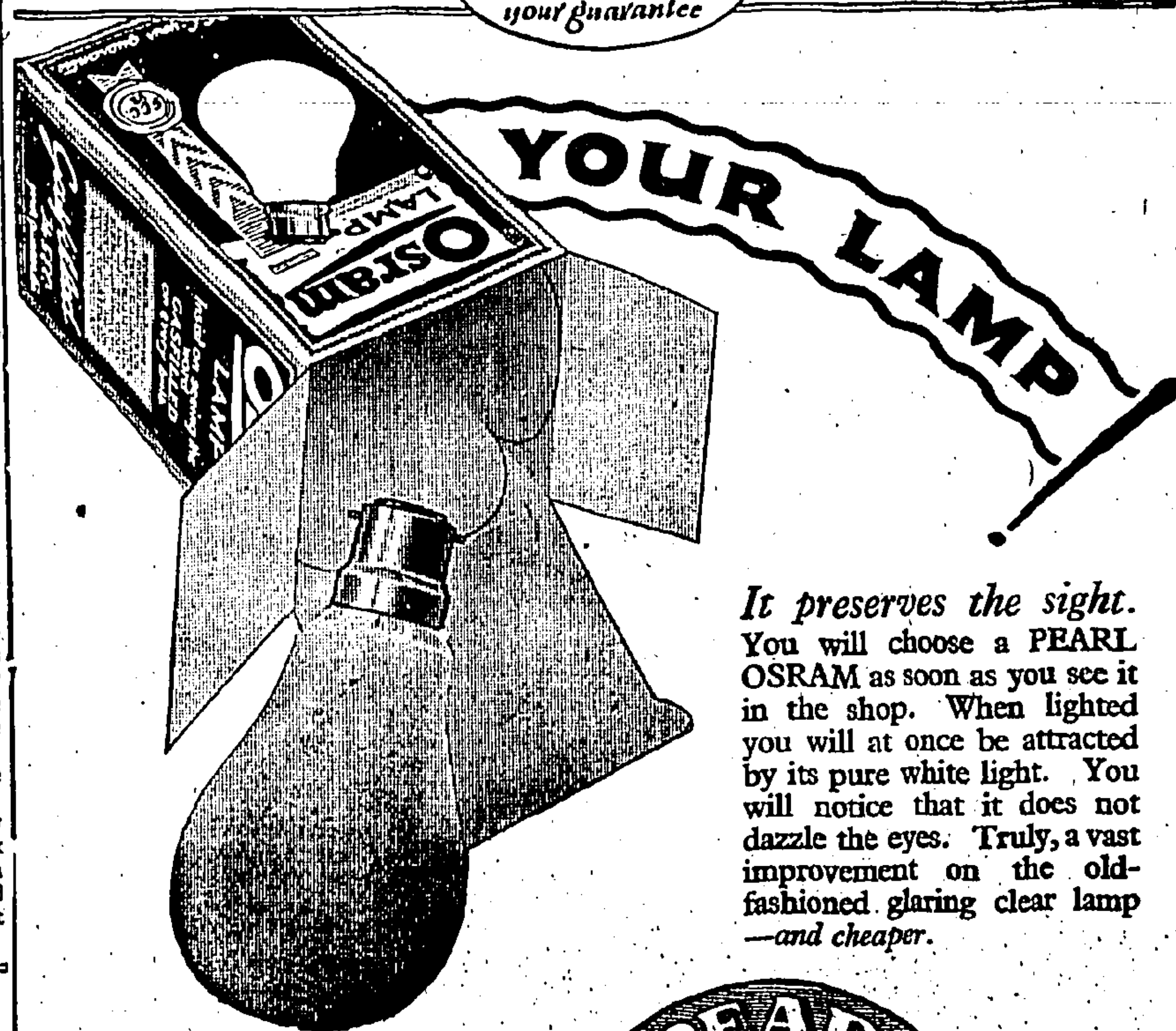
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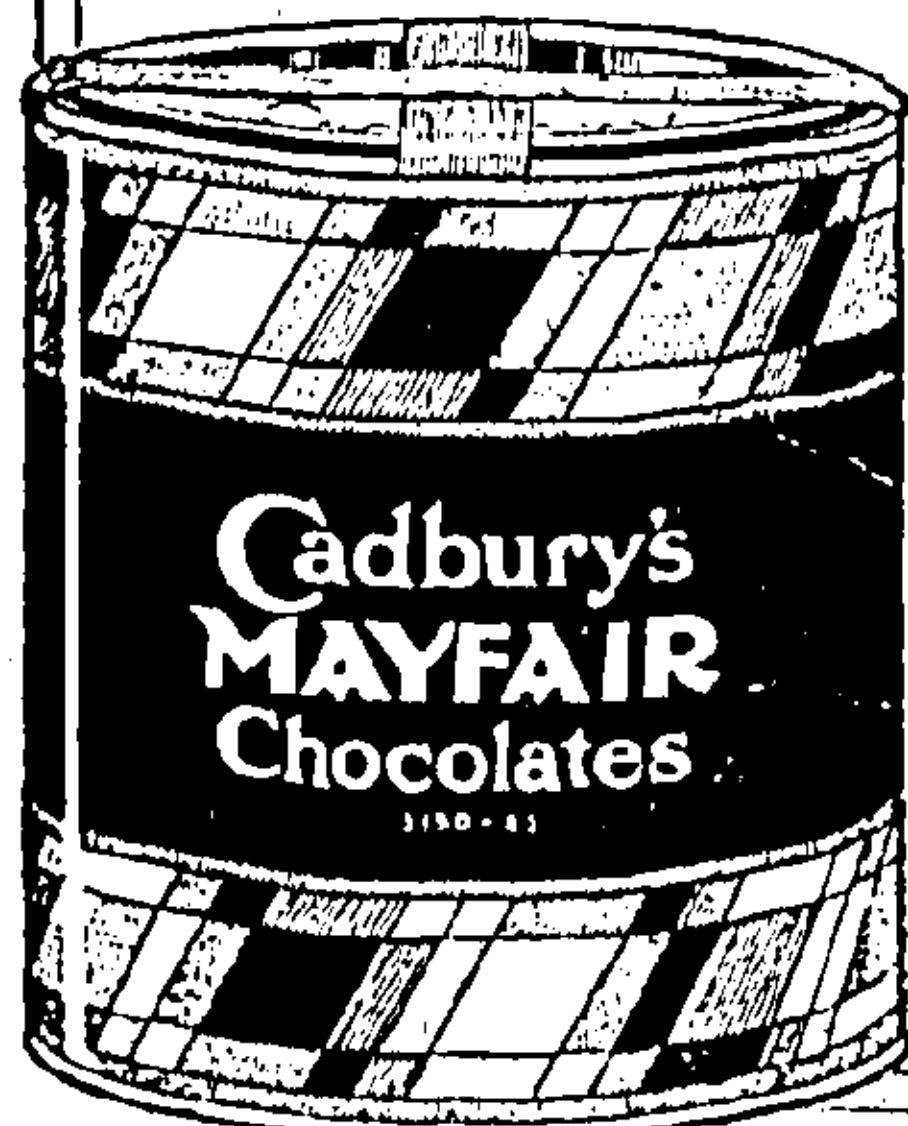
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A STORMY SESSION IN AUSTRALIA.

Canberra, Dec. 17.

A Government announcement in the House of Representatives, of an export duty of a halfpenny a lb. on sheepskins in the wool, to assist the fell-mongering industry, caused a pandemonium.

The Opposition shouted "Scandal! Swindle!" alleging that the Labourites had been bribed.

Trouble had been indicated earlier, when Mr. Latham (leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Patterson refused to serve on a committee to which Mr. Theodore (who had resigned the Federal Treasuryship some months ago in connexion with the Queensland mining scandal) had been appointed.

In the midst of the tumult following the sheepskin announcement, the Speaker left his chair, and Mr. Theodore, supported by half a dozen Labourites, advanced menacingly on Mr. Hawker, whom Mr. Latham and a number of the Opposition party rushed to support. Mr. Theodore and Mr. Latham came to blows, and were separated, Mr. Theodore being conducted by his colleagues from the House.—*Reuter.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Boxing Challenge.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Replying to the challenge of Harry Rowles for the Light Heavy Weight championship of the Colony, I (Teddy O'Brien) am still prepared to carry out my challenge of 6th Dec. In support of my challenge I wish to state the following facts, which may convince the "certain person" that I am at least a reasonable opponent for Rowles:

(a) I have stopped Lauri Raithe in 6 rounds, who in turn holds a decision over Rowles.

(b) Our present middle weight champion Len Harvey considered me, when available, good enough to enter his camp as a sparring partner for the majority of his fights.

(c) I have also wins over, Joe Blomfield, Ted Convey and Bill Whitley and other first class men.

(d) Eight years ago, when only weighing 10 stone 10 lbs., I fought for the Heavy Weight Championship of this Colony (taking on as a saving grace for the H.K.B.A.) receiving only 5 days notice. I had the best of this fight but I was stopped only through lack of training.

In conclusion, I am willing to fight Rowles in private if this "certain person" will give a purse, and I will make a private bet with him, that Rowles will not "K.O." me inside 15 rounds. Failing this, my challenge still holds good for Rowles or any other light heavy for the championship of the Colony.

TEDDY O'BRIEN.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

ADAMSON CUP RESULTS AND MATCH PLAY DRAW.

The qualifying round in the Adamson Cup (Junior Section), played at Happy Valley during the past fortnight, resulted in R. Wallace qualifying with a score of 78—10=68. Other scores were:

G. McLeod 80—18=71
S. Stacey 87—14=73
H. Mondy 88—15=73
W. H. Edmunds 86—12=74

The draw for the match play stages of this competition has been made and is as follows:

R. Wallace (9) and H. T. Brooker (18); F. G. Booker (11) and A. E. Clarke (15); A. Brooksbank (19) and L. E. Longbottom (15); A. D. Fraser (18) and J. H. Gelling (18).

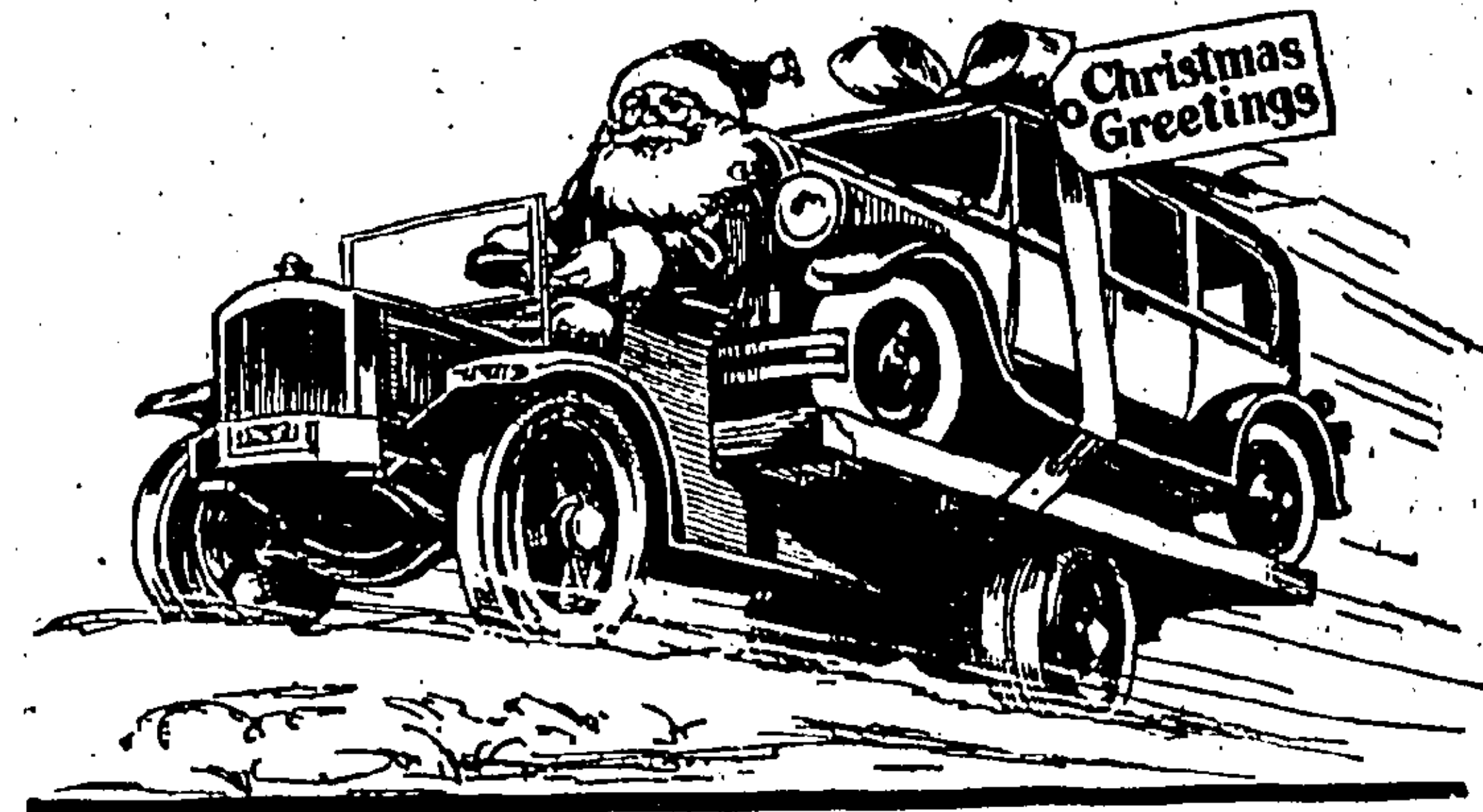
The first round is to be played on or before January 6, the semi-final on or before January 27, and the final by not later than February 17.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. against H.M.S. Tanager in a hockey match at King's Park at 4.30 p.m.: W. J. Scotcher, J. M. Purvis, L. Tippet, R. A. Bates, R. Dormer, W. J. Brown, A. Tate, S. F. Rees, W. H. Smith, F. Parker and H. Muller.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. against the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club at King's Park at 3.15 p.m.: W. J. Scotcher, J. M. Purvis, L. Tippet, W. H. Stonell, G. Mitchell, L. Stedman, L. Macey, R. A. Bates, W. H. Smith, F. Parker and L. A. C. Coombes.



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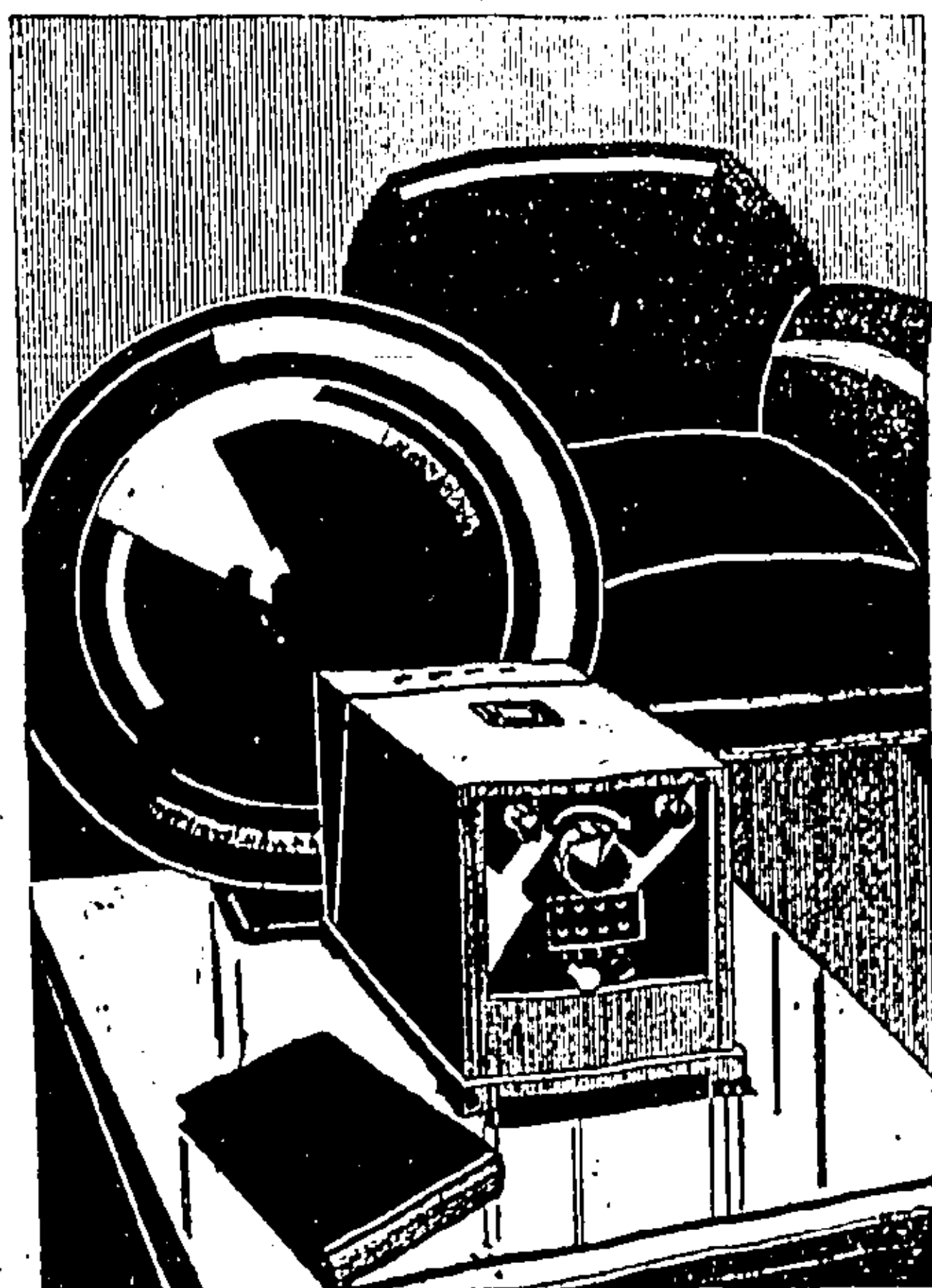
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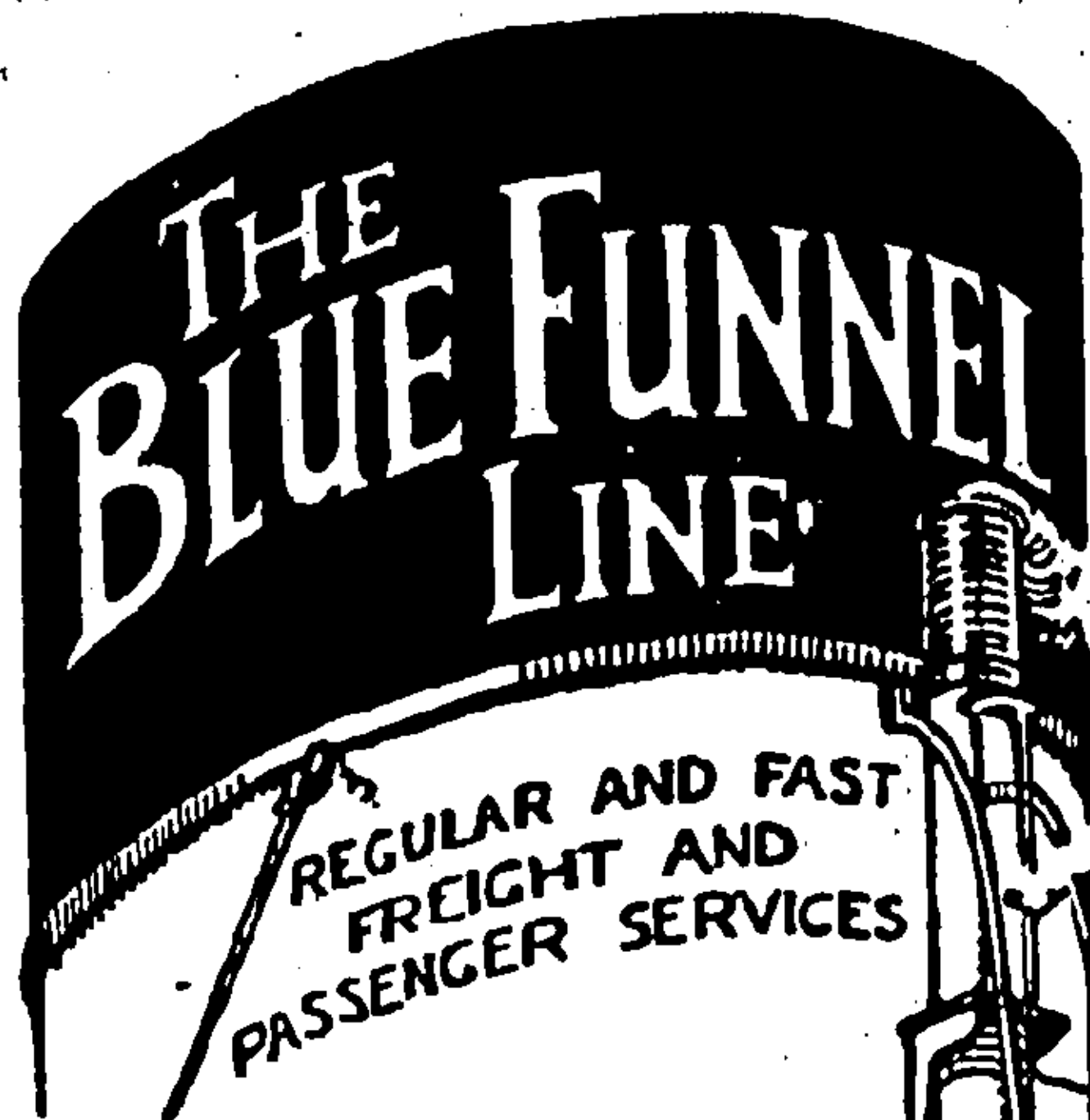
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KOWLOON UNION CHURCH MEETING.

GOOD RESPONSE FOR BUILDING FUND.

The annual meeting of the Union Church, Kowloon, was held last night, when the Rev. J. Horne Johnston presided, supported by the Rev. Frank Short (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. D. Gow (Hon. Secretary).

The report of the committee stated that the total contributions for the year, including envelope contributions and subscriptions, amounted to \$3,766.20 as against \$3,735.30 last year. There was a deficit of \$118.17. The membership of the Church roll was 83.

The Women's Guild was to be congratulated on attaining its object and fulfilling its promise to raise \$3,000 for the Church Building and Furnishing Fund. The Fund was increasing gradually but surely, and great hopes were held that Mr. Johnston's scheme of raising \$10,000 in two years would, before the expiration of that time, become an accomplished fact.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Gow and after the chairman had explained that the new constitution was still under consideration, the report was unanimously adopted.

The Finances.

The Rev. Frank Short presented the financial statement, pointing out that although there was a deficit of \$118, as compared with a balance of \$38 last year, the position was not so extraordinarily unfavourable as they had over-spent less this year than during the previous twelve months. It was a cause for congratulation that the total amount of expenditure on the services of the Church amounted to only \$653; but at the same time he would give a word of warning, that with the new building, plus the present building, plus the new Manse, there would be an increase in expenditure under that heading in the future, and they would have

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According to a wire received by the Vice-President of Sun Yat-sen University from Mr. Tai, chairman of the Board of Directors of the University at Nanking, the Japanese sculptor, who recently presented the bronze statue of Dr. Sun Yat-sen now erected at the Whampoa Military Academy, has delivered two more statues which are about to be sent to Canton.

One of the statues is intended for erection in the campus of the Sun Yat-sen University. The other, it is understood, will be placed in the Memorial Hall now nearing completion at the Yuet Sow Hills.

to increase their income by at least \$50 a month.

Since the printed accounts had been circulated, they had received \$235 which brought the Building and Furnishing Fund up to \$4,197.70, whilst arrangements had been made for the transfer of \$3,000 from the Ladies' Guild to that fund. Added to that were promises totalling \$1,005, and an additional promise of \$300 from the Hongkong Union Church. Mr. Johnston has also made himself responsible for raising the last \$500 to complete the \$10,000, so that their total was \$9,002.70 leaving them yet another \$1,000 to raise. The Sunday School had contributed \$400, the Young People's Society \$500, the Ladies' Guild \$3,000 and the choir \$94.

The accounts were adopted by the meeting.

New Officers.

Reports were received from the secretaries of the Sunday School, Cradle Roll, Young People's Society, Choir and Women's Guild, all of which reported progress and success during the year.

Following refreshments, the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as under:
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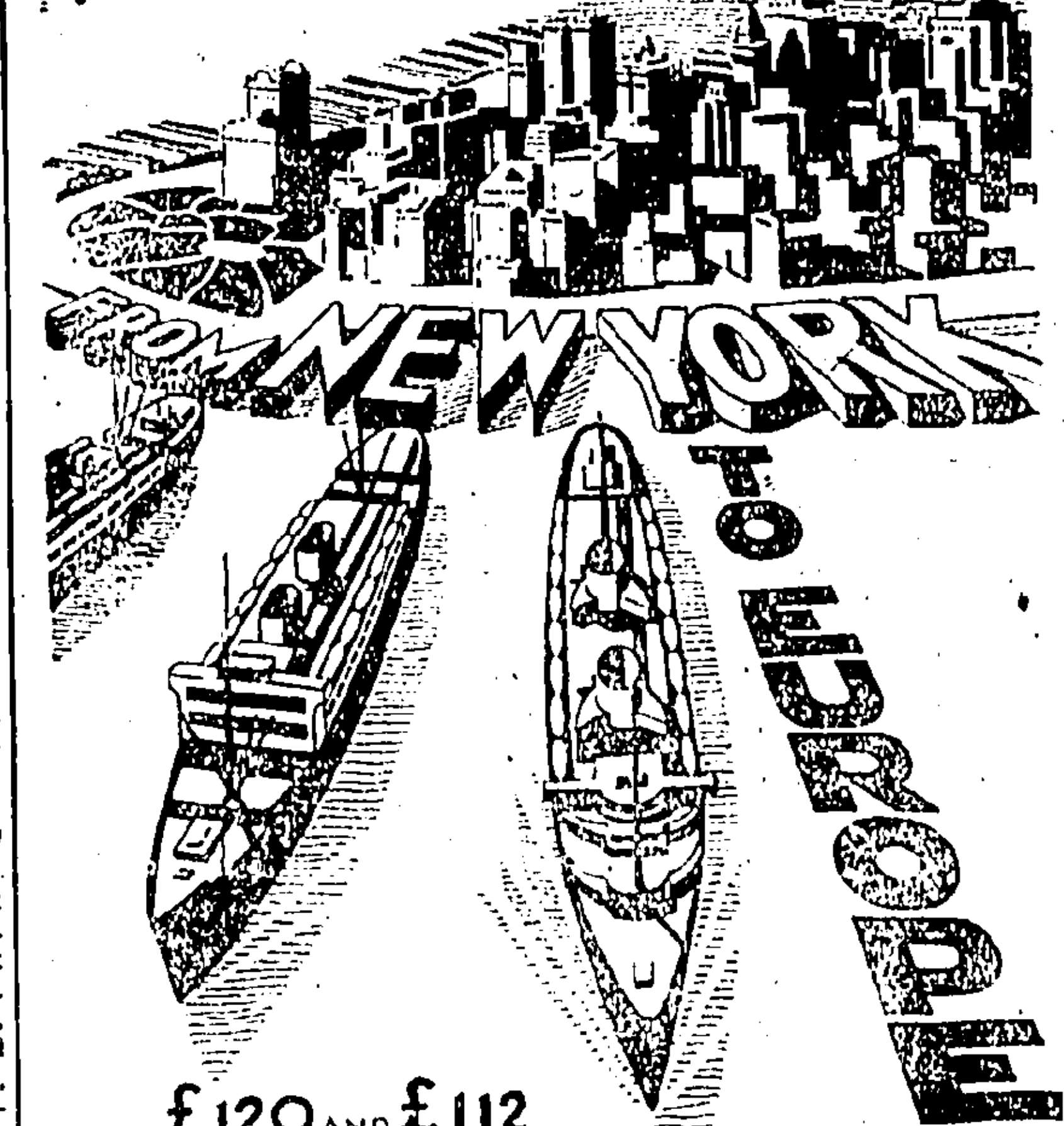
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Before the close, the Rev. Mr. Short announced that during the evening the deficit reported in the accounts had been more than wiped off.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and other helpers, together with a motion of appreciation to the Rev. J. H. Johnston for his work during the last seven years, concluded the meeting.

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ECONOMIC MISSION.

EXPECTED ABOUT END
OF JANUARY.

In connexion with the coming visit to Hongkong of the British Economic Mission, the Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce informed representatives of local Chinese firms, at the monthly meeting of the Chamber held yesterday afternoon, that a letter had been received from the Colonial Secretary stating that the Mission was expected to arrive about the end of January. The Chinese Chamber was requested to afford the Mission such assistance as may be possible in acquiring the information which it seeks. It is to be noted that the object of the British Economic Mission is to study the possibilities of developing British trade in this part of the world. The Secretary of the Chamber, Mr. Chan Heung-pak, told the meeting yesterday that the Chamber, and Chinese firms, would be delighted to give the Mission all assistance within their power to render.

Officials of the Canadian Trade Mission have written to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce expressing their thanks to the Chinese Chamber in connexion with the assistance and hospitality extended them during their recent visit to Hongkong and expressing the hope that in the near future the Chinese Chamber of Commerce would be able to send a trade mission to Canada when an opportunity would be taken by the Canadian merchants to return the kindness enjoyed in Hongkong.

The Chamber has been informed by the Government that some of the Chinese exporters have failed to supply trade returns to the authorities, and, at the meeting yesterday, the Secretary stated that he would dispatch circulars to Chinese export firms informing them of the necessity of making returns to the authorities, even if the return is a small one.

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The P. & O. Company has decided that the two ships of 21,000 tons gross each which are now being built for the company's Australian passenger and mail service shall be not only distinctive in name from the existing vessels of the fleet, but that they shall also be distinctive in appearance.

The two vessels—the Strathmore and Strathmore—are to have buff funnels, white upper works, white hulls from rail to waterline, and red boot-topping. The funnels and hulls are also to be painted white. An artist's conception of the vessels as they will be when completed indicates a remarkably smart appearance.

The existing vessels of the P. & O. fleet are easily distinguishable at sea and in port by their black funnels, black hulls, black lifeboats, and the buff-coloured paint of the deckwork. The technical description of the buff paint, which has been justified on the ground of its restful appearance in tropical weather, is "stone-coloured." The Strathmore is expected to be ready for sea next autumn, and is to be followed by the Strathmore towards the end of 1931. Both ships are to be propelled by turbo-electric machinery as a result of the complete success of the installation of that type of main engines in the liner Victory of India, which has now been

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Favourites. Mario Perry. 20249.
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Song-Christmas Morning At
Clancy's. Steve Porter. 20230.

Song-S'posin'. Mildred Hunt (Comedienne). 22102.
Flute Solo-Wind Amongst The Trees. Clement Barone. 20344.
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Instrumental-Hawaiian Love. Kane's Hawaiians. 20703.
Song-When You Come To The End Of The Day. Paul Oliver (Tenor). 22601.
Orchestral-Ana's Will. Victor Concert Orchestra. 20169.
Organ Solo-Dreaming the Waltz Away. Jesse Crawford. 20363.
Organ Solo-Hello, Aloha! How Are You? Jesse Crawford. 20255.
Organ Solo-Barcelona. 6.45 p.m. From The Studio-Children's Programme. Stephen Foster Melodies-Ring de Banjo-Oh! Lemme Nelly Bye-Oh! Bye, Carry Me Long-Lou'sanna Belle-De Campdown Races. Victor Salon Group. 0246.
Stephen Foster Melodies-Open Thy Lattice, Love-Uncle Ned-Village Maiden-Beautiful Dreamer. Victor Salon Group. 0246.
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Stephen Foster Melodies-Massa's In the Cold Ground. Stephen Foster Melodies-Old Folks at Home. Victor Salon Group. 0249.
7.20-7.38 p.m. Musical Comedy Selections. Show Boat Selections. Show Boat-Old Man River. Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra. 35912.

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7.38-8.00 p.m. Orchestral. Zamba Overture. Victor Symphony Orchestra. 35935.
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8.00 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert. 9.00 p.m. Weather Report Local Time Etc. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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The local offices of the Lloyd Triestino Co. have been informed that the new motor vessel, Victoria, 24,000 tons displacement, has been successfully launched from the San Marco dockyard in Trieste. The launching ceremony was presided over by the Countess Ciano, wife of the Minister of Communications and mother of the Italian Consul-General in Shanghai.

The vessel slipped smoothly from the ways amid the enthusiastic cheers of the large crowd that had gathered for the occasion. The whole affair was a real success. The new vessel is being greeted as the outstanding achievement of Mediterranean maritime shipbuilding.

The appearance of the vessel is characterized by the slanting bow and cruiser stern, and by the compact and sturdy construction. The ship is being built expressly for the Trieste-Alexandria express service, and is expected to develop a speed of 21 knots, thus making the run in about 60 hours.

These features are expected to add to the attractiveness of the Lloyd Triestino service and will probably be largely patronized by American and European tourists. She will sail on her maiden voyage in June next.

The vessel will provide accommodations for about 250 first and second class, and about 100 second economic class passengers. The ship's engines are being made in Trieste, while the propelling machinery is of the Sulzer system. The installation comprises four sets of eight cylinder engines, developing a total of 17,000 h.p. at 134 revolutions per minute.

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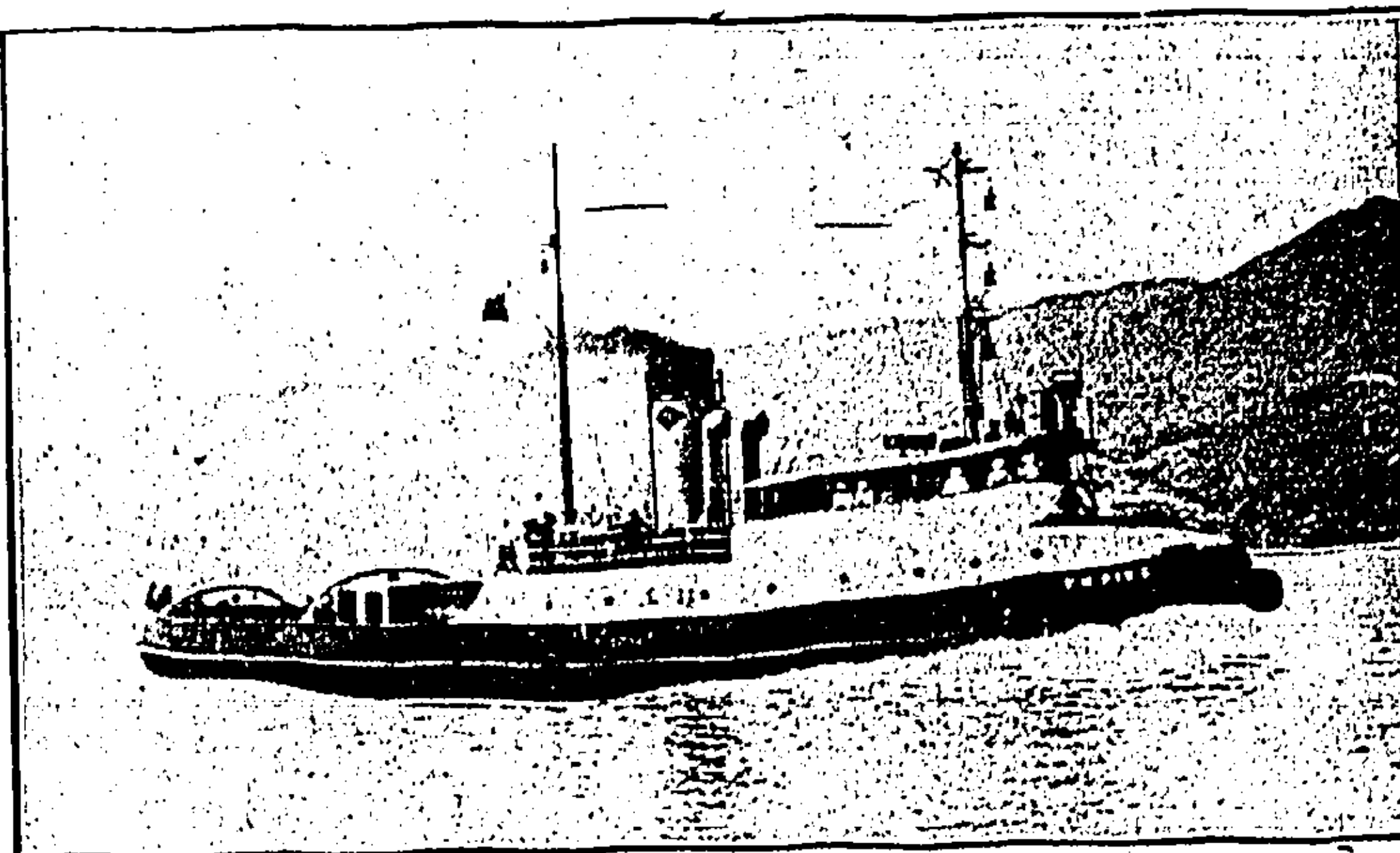
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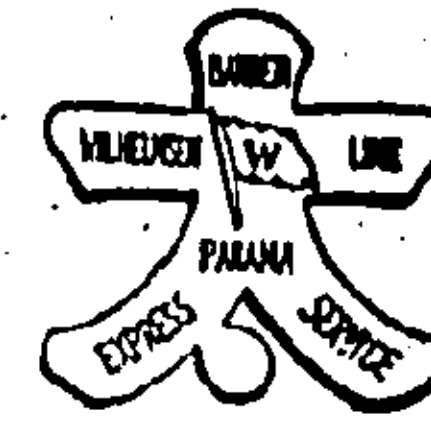


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RANCHI	16,650	3 Jan. 1931.	Bombay, M's & L'don
MIRZAPUR	6,715	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	M's, L'don, Hull, H'burg, Rotterdam & A'werp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Jan.	M's, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & A'werp
COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, M's & L'don
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KINDERFORE	5,334	1st Jan. 1931.	S'hai, Moji & Kobe
COMORIN	15,132	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Kobe & Yok
NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHOAR	9,005	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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THE SCOTTISH CUP FIRST ROUND.

DRAW FAVOURS THE LESSER LIGHTS.

RANGERS TO TRAVEL.

London, Dec. 17. The draw for the First Round Proper of the Scottish Cup was made to-day, resulting as follows: Stenhousemuir v. Hearts; Queen's Park v. Elgin City; East Stirling v. Hamilton A.C.; Armadale v. Rangers; Albion Rovers v. St. Cathbert Wdres; Morton v. Mid-Annandale; Inverness C.I. v. Bell; Thistle Lanark v. Kilmarnock; Albion Rovers v. Buckie Thistle; Morton v. Vale of Atholl; King's Park v. Keith Rovers; Clyde v. Falkirk Amateurs; Ayr United v. Leith Athletic; Clydebank v. Clackmannan; Clydebank v. St. Mirren; Aberdeen v. Dunbarton; Queen of South v. Cowdenbeath; St. Johnstone v. Forfar; Motherwell v. Bathgate; Alloa v. Dalmuir; Civil Service v. Tariff Rovers; Dundee v. Fraserburgh; East Fife v. Celtic; Dunfermline v. Airdrie; Glasgow Hibernia v. Inverness Caledonia; Dundee Utd. v. Stirling Albion; Brechin v. Edinburgh City; Peebles Rovers v. Falkirk; St. Bernard's v. Stranraer; Partick Thistle v. Royal Albert; Moor Park v. Arbroath.

Matches to be played on January 17. - *Reuter.*

Most of the crack teams have been drawn away from home. Hearts at Stenhousemuir, Rangers at Armadale and Celtic at East Fife. Motherwell and Aberdeen are at home to second division clubs.

Ten of the First Division teams have been drawn at home, and the luck has favoured the clubs in the bottom half of the table.

SEAPLANES RUN INTO STORM.

FIRST STAGE OF ITALIAN ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

Rome, Dec. 17.

The twelve seaplanes, commanded by the Air Minister, General Balbo, which today left Lake Orbetello in the first stage of a transatlantic flight via Bolivia, ran into a violent storm over the Atlantic.

Eight of the planes have arrived safely at Los Alcazar, Cartagena. The other four, together with two seaplanes, are anchored off the coast of Majorca and will begin the rest in the morning. - *Reuter.*

Orbetello, Dec. 17. General Balbo, interviewed by *Reuter's* correspondent, said the present flight involves a distance of 10,000 kilometres and all the hops will exceed one thousand kilometres. The crews are picked volunteers, and total 56 men. There will be two repair planes up to Bolivia.

The cost of the flight will be three million lire. The machines expect to arrive at Rio de Janeiro in under 70 hours of flying time. Gen. Balbo said he would be content if half the machines reach South America. - *Reuter.*

OPIUM CASES.

A FINE OF \$3,000 IMPOSED.

Appearing before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning to answer a charge of being in possession of 110 tins of raw opium which was found at 19, Catchick Street, a Chinese was fined \$3,000, with the alternative of eight months' hard labour.

Revenue Officer Grimmett told his Worship that the place was a dealer's premises. The opium was found concealed in a basket in which it had probably been smuggled to the floor.

In another case, a woman of 15, Belcher's Street was fined \$500 for being in possession of 18 tins of raw opium which she was seen to throw out of a window as the Revenue Officers arrived on the premises.

CRIMINAL SESSION CASES.

DATES FIXED FOR THREE HEARINGS.

When the Criminal Sessions commenced this morning the New Territories murder case was proceeded with and dates were fixed for hearing the remaining three cases.

Shui Siu-chung, who is charged on two counts with wounding Acting Principal Warder Phumb, will be tried on January 6, 1931. The arson case, in which three men are accused, will be taken on December 23, 1930, while Kwok Chun-shing, who is charged with uttering a forged voucher will come up for trial next Monday.

MOTOR THIEVING RECOMMENCES.

MR. C. J. TACCHI'S CAR ONCE MORE STOLEN.

SOON FOUND AGAIN.

The epidemic of motor car and cycle thefts seems to have recommenced. Two motorists made reports of their machines having been stolen from the parking stand outside the Star Ferry Wharf in Connaught Road on Tuesday last.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi, who left his car on the stand on Tuesday night, found it had disappeared when he went for it at about 11.30 p.m., but on the police being informed, a search was made and the car was found near Queen's Pier where it had been left by the thief who had found there was insufficient gasoline to carry him further.

Since the car was stolen some time ago, Mr. Tacchi has adapted a device to his carburettor and before parking the car he turns the gasoline off.

The thief accordingly found that after the carburettor had been emptied, no gasoline was running through and he abandoned the machine near Queen's Pier.

The second report was made by Mr. Young Wing-pui, of Bonham Road, who informed the police that he left his Harley Davidson motor cycle combination on the stand in Connaught Road at 7 p.m., on Tuesday and when he went to get it again at noon on Wednesday, it had disappeared.

SIMON BOLIVAR CENTENARY.

THE LIBERATOR OF LATIN AMERICA.

COLOMBIA'S TRIBUTE.

New York, Dec. 17.

Latin America to-day united in celebrating the centenary of the death of Simon Bolivar, the Venezuelan patriot, who earned the proud title of "Liberator" by freeing Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia from the yoke of Spain.

Many public ceremonies were held at Buenos Aires and specially arranged programmes and festivities were a feature of the celebrations in the schools.

The most striking tribute was paid by Colombia where the President and the members of his Cabinet flew from Bogota to Santa Marta, where the heart of the Liberator is buried, the President delivering an address in honour of Bolivar.

Celebrations were also held in London, a speech by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, outlining Bolivar's work and the attitude of Great Britain under Canning to his efforts.

Mr. Henderson claimed that Bolivar signally deserved the name of Liberator as five States ascribe their independence to him. The relations between the British Government and the countries which looked to Bolivar as a national hero had continued most friendly and had never been more cordial than to-day.

"Nor do I forget," he concluded, "the importance of their contribution to the work of the League of Nations for world peace. On behalf of the British Government, I most cordially wish them many more centuries of progress and prosperity." - *Reuter's American Service.*

CAIRO-TO-CAPE AIRWAY.

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE.

London, Dec. 17.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, the Under Secretary for Air, Mr. F. Montague, stated that negotiations were completed for a regular air mail route from Cairo to the Cape, and the northern section would probably begin to operate in February.

The Cairo-Cape airway is regarded in commercial air circles as an outstanding enterprise, and, linking with the India air mail service, will reduce the transit time between London and Cape Town to eleven days.

Ground organisations along the route, measuring 5,700 miles, a involving the establishment of 27 air stations, with hangars, wireless and weather offices, staff quarters, and, in some cases hotels, as well as 30 intermediate landing grounds, are being developed rapidly. - *British Wireless.*

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central to the south of Tokyo. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is: - N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

FIRST DEFEAT FOR NOTTS COUNTY.

LOSE BY THE ODD GOAL AT SOUTHEND.

PALACE'S BIG SCORE.

London, Dec. 17.

Having played eighteen matches without experiencing defeat, Notts County, leaders of the Southern Section, Third Division, failed at the nineteenth hurdle to-day. They were playing Southend in a match postponed from Saturday, and the scorers—who have been on top form lately—won a keen game by two goals to one.

The results of to-day's games (as cabled by *Reuter*) together with revised tables are appended:

Division III (South).

Bristol Rovers	4	Thames	0
Crystal Palace	6	Watford	1
Southend	2	Notts County	1
Queens Park	2	Fulham	1
Gillingham	2	Queen's Park R.	2

League Table.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Notts County	19	12	6	1	50	20	30
Northampton	18	11	5	2	31	11	27
Crystal Palace	18	10	4	4	56	34	24
Southend	19	11	2	6	41	28	24
Brentford	18	8	6	4	25	22	22
Brighton	19	8	2	8	43	44	20
Queens Park	19	9	2	8	43	44	20
Fulham	18	8	4	6	30	33	20
Coventry	17	8	3	6	40	29	19
Exeter	18	6	6	6	32	33	18
Swindon	18	5	7	6	32	33	18
Gillingham	19	6	6	8	31	44	17
Bristol R.	18	7	2	9	39	34	16
Queen's P. R.	18	7	2	9	39	34	16
Clapton O.	17	6	4	7	30	36	16
Watford	18	7	2	9	34	35	16
Bournemouth	18	6	4	8	31	38	16
Luton	18	5	5	8	34	37	15
Walsall	17	4	3	10	17	32	10
Norwich	18	4	2	12	18	47	10
Thames	17	3	2	12	22	58	8
Newport	17	3	2	12	22	58	8

Division III (North).

New Brighton	3	Crews	1
Wrexham	3	Stockport	2

League Table.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln	17	12	2	3	39	18	26
Tranmere	18	12	2	4	54	36	26
Chesterfield	18	11	3	4	42	25	25
Wrexham	18	10	4	4	47	27	24
Stockport	18	11	2	5	38	26	24
Hull	18	9	4	5	37	29	22
Wigan	17	10	1	6	33	32	21
Carlisle	17	10	1	6	41	25	21
Southport	17	8	2	7	30	28	18
Gateshead	17	6	4	7	36	35	16
Rochester	17	6	4	7	24	37	16
Hull	17	6	4	7	24	37	16
Doncaster	17	6	3	8	34	27	15
York	17	6	3	8	34	28	15
Accrington	18	6	3	9	34	15	15
Rochdale	17	6	2	9	38	46	14
Barrow	19	5	3	11	24	44	13
Crawley	18	6	0	12	28	40	12
Hartlepool	17	5	1	11	31	41	11
New Brighton	18	4	3	11	18	38	11
Nelson	17	2	3	12	29	41	7

SUGAR MARKETS.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets on Saturday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Company:

London Terminals.
March 1931 6/34 up 3/4d.
May 1931 6/34 up 1/4d.
August 1931 6/64 up 1/4d.
December 1931 6/104 up 1/4d.
[At close of London Market New York unchanged].

New York Terminals.
March 1931 1.33 up 7 pts.
May 1931 1.41 up 8 pts.
July 1931 1.48 up 7 pts.
September 1931 1.55 up 8 pts.
December 1930 1.19 up 4 pts.
Liverpool 17/12/30.—Sugar Market hopes Germany will enter agreement.

Samarang 17/12/30.—Trust has again refused bids of \$8.00 for Whites, but new limits not disclosed. Market quiet, no change in prices.

Hongkong 17/12/30.—Market steady, small business passing, Whites \$8.13, Browns \$6.76 on the spot.

CONFUCIAN SOCIETY ACCOUNTANT.

SENT TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Tsai Wan-um, accountant of the Confucian Society, of 220, Hollywood Road, pleading guilty to a charge of embezzling \$4,425.24, belonging to the funds of the institution, was to-day sentenced by Mr. Lindell to six months' hard labour.

It was stated by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appearing for the prosecution, that the accused had sent a letter to the Treasurer of the Society admitting his misappropriation.

Two other charges against the accused, of receiving a collection of \$200 from a member of the Society without authorisation and of giving a forged receipt to which the chop of the Society was applied, were not proceeded with.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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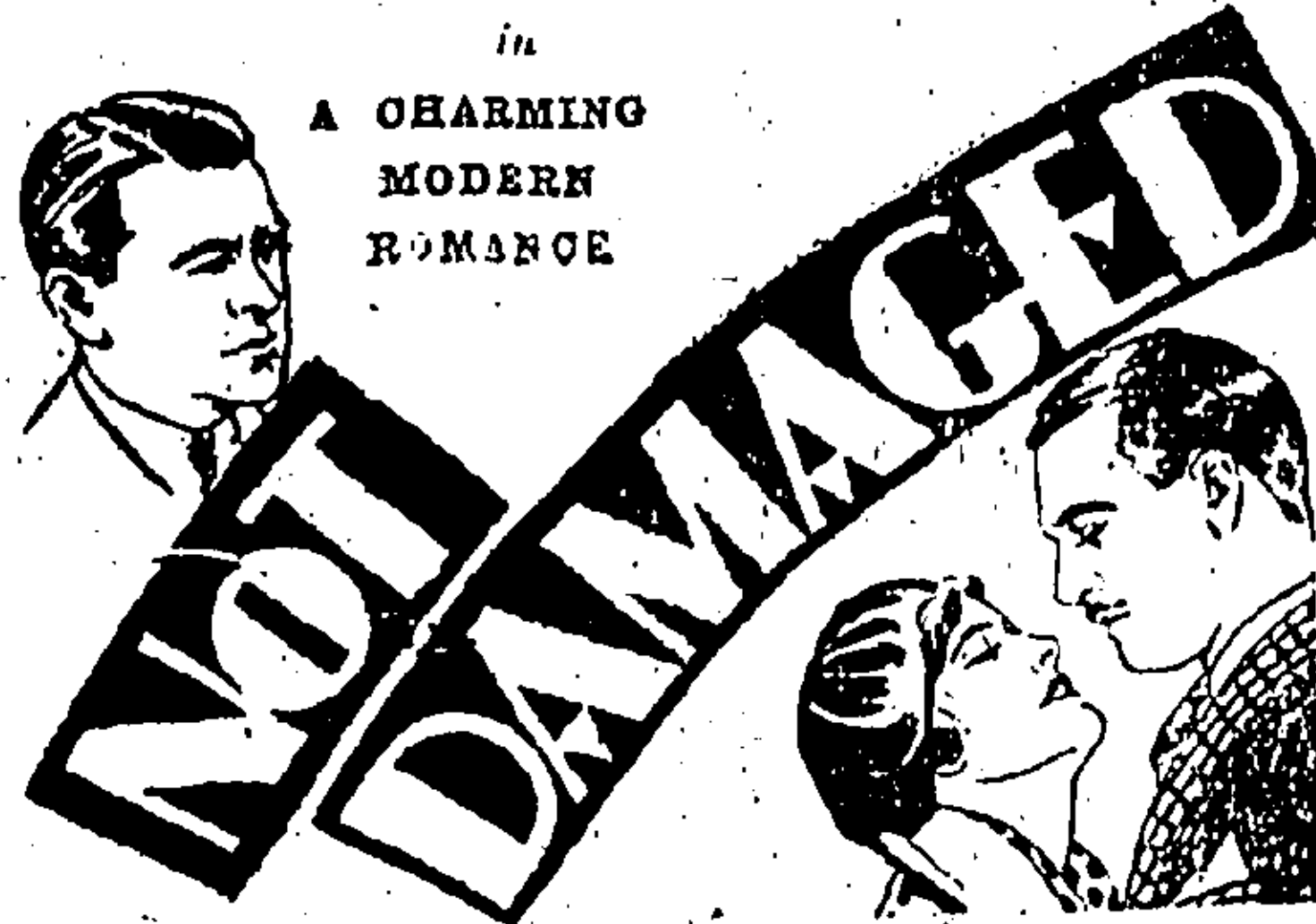
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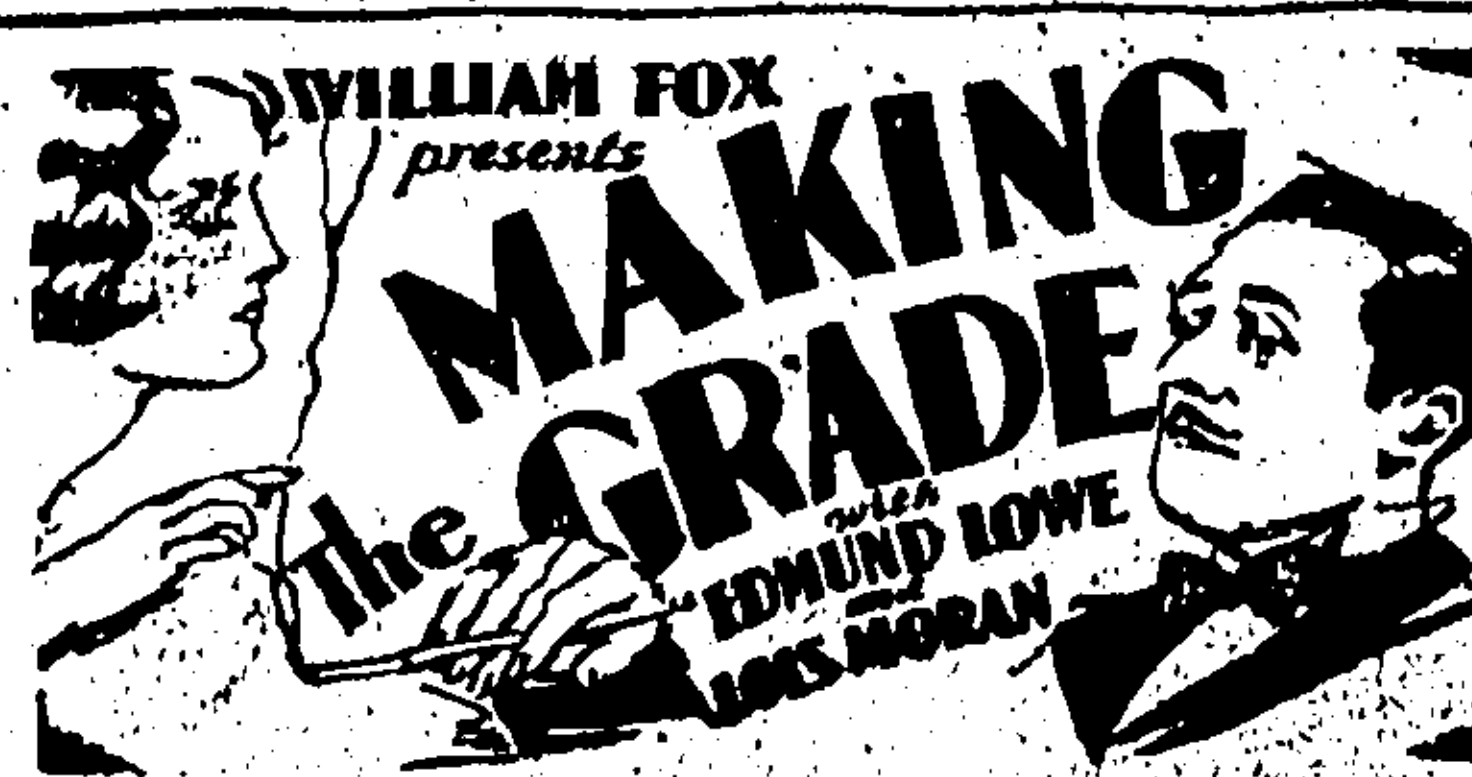
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